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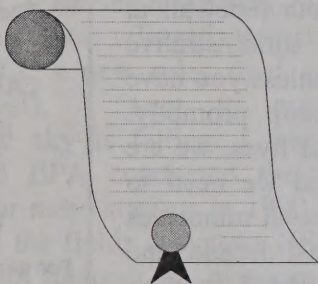
Dear LARC,

Dave and I had a great time in Peoria receiving the International Humanitarian Award. It was actually a small Hamfest as those things go, but lots of fun and the banquet was delightful. The guest speaker was an astronaut who has been a ham since his teen years. He showed us film clips of what happens to them on blast-off of the shuttle. These clips are not shown to the general public. Their bodies are tremendously stressed. We all, to a person, I'm sure, had our mouths hanging open. It was fascinating.

After presentation of the award, Dave spoke first, thanking LARC, by the way, (of course!), and our name tags included all the clubs we were members of, including LARC. So, we (LARC) were VERY well represented. Then I spoke, coming in with guns blazing and gave a short speech about the need to be proactive in Disaster situations, describing how we used ham radio in Anguilla and Internet in the USA to get the word out quickly during our worst hurricane in the history of Anguilla, Hurricane LUIS, 5 September 1995.

We thank you for being able to say all those nice things about LARC, from the heart.

It took me two days to get there and two days back because during hurricane season there is solely the afternoon Eagle out of and into Anguilla. Dave



LARC Elections

The following have agreed to run for elective office in The Lambda Amateur Radio Club in the December 1996 elections:

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Nick Altenbernd, KA1MQX

Art Joly, N1RPN

Vice-President

Jim Kelly, KK3K

Secretary

Dan Lagerman, K9TWE

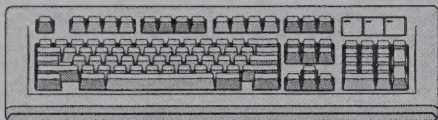
The next issue of the Lambda Net News will contain candidates' statements and the ballot. The Returning Officer, who will collect and count the ballots, is Don Bledsoe, WB6LYI. They will be due by December 10, assuring us an orderly transition to our new slate of officers on January 1, 1997.

arrived a few hours after me from Nashville and it was nice to be together again. I saw his Frankenstein Monster scar from his neck surgery (that is how he described it but it was a thin line by then), and we had a good time having dinner with Jerry, N3BDW, from the Hurricane Center and Rick Palm from HQ ARRL. I found it most interesting that when Dave, K1ZZ spoke to me later, it was about LARC. I can't remember the conversation completely, but the gist was pleasure at having LARC back in the fold of the ARRL. He seemed very sincere.

So, dear LARC friends, we were well represented and we were pleased at their reaction.

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Dorothea, VP2EE



President's Keyboard

by Nick Altenbernd, KA1MQX, Boston, MA

President, LARC

We lost the last of the evening light in the northern hemisphere this past weekend with the change to "standard" time, and now we're on the long, long haul through the dark winter months. We should have had a lighter morning sky today, but a rainy sky fixed that for those of us in the northeast, as well. On the other hand, winter may be better for propagation, so maybe we'll get a regular net punched through the 40-meter broadcast gorillas yet. Jim KK3K and Irv AF2K are there every Sunday, and they've talked. Several others have been heard as well, so we have a net coalescing in the ether. Tune in at 9:30 am EST around 7030 for CW and 10:00 am EST around 7235 for voice.

There were two notices about the schedule for election of LARC officers in the last Newsletter, right next to each other, contradicting each other. So here's the real schedule. In this issue, you will find the roster of candidates. In the next issue, you will find the candidates' statements and the ballot. The ballot will be due to the Returning Officer, Don Bledsoe, by December 10.

LARC renewal time is also approaching. We place all our renewals at the beginning of the calendar year, as a matter of administrative convenience. So everyone's membership is coming due (unless you have a multi-year membership). Please renew your membership promptly. While LARC may not be a large portion of our individual lives, we are an important presence in the ham radio community, and we need to maintain our presence. The attitude of hamdom toward sexual minorities in their midst has changed slowly but steadily over the past decade, and the change has been quite large. Most hams have answered to their better nature when confronted with the simple fact of our ordinary humanity. We've helped that process by being there for them to see, and by demanding of them better conduct than they might at first have wanted to grant us. But there is work to be done yet. The LARC mailbag continues to get a small but steady supply of "broken crayon" letters - big, blocky letters, spelling out ugly blockhead ideas. Our visible presence is ever necessary. Please renew your membership so we can continue our support of community service projects, and our outreach to both the sexual-minority community and the "straight" community. We have friends and allies everywhere, and we want to continue being visible for them.

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LARC Web Page Award

by Jim Kelly, KK3K, Philadelphia, PA

Freedom, UK (<http://www.freedom.co.uk>) is a Web site that issues the Freedom Award to acknowledge web sites around the world that provides a service to the sexual minority community. I submitted LARC's web page and they listed it in their database, but we're one of the few sites that they have not issued the award to. Apparently, in order to get the award and be listed as an award winner, we need nominations or testimonials from more people. We need everyone's help to get the award for our LARC

Web homepage. Please send an email to: pshaw@freedom.co.uk or go to the Freedom.CO.UK site and use the reply link there. Tell them in your own words why LARC's open and proud gay homepage

(<http://www.netaxs.com/people/skeptic/larc>) and our club's public service mission is worthy of the freedom award. Let's work for the award and get more positive publicity for LARC and our Web homepage!

The Sky Is Not Falling

by Wayne Overbeck, N6NB

(From Cheese Bits, Vol. XXXVIII, No. 9, September, 1996 - Mt. Airy (Pack Rats) V.H.F. Radio Club, Inc. newsletter.

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I understand that some concerns have been expressed here about the FCC's Report and Order in the RF safety proceeding, which was released August 1. As a supporter of the FCC's new rules (and a longtime VHF-UHF enthusiast), I want to say something: I don't think the sky is falling. I was present when the FCC and EPA conducted their survey of RF fields at amateur radio stations in 1990. Let me say emphatically that the fields at typical HF and VHF-UHF amateur radio stations are nowhere near the levels proscribed in the new rules. At my own station, even when I fully telescoped my LM-470 to 25 feet, the fields inside the house and around the neighborhood were below the newly adopted standards on all bands. With the LM-470 fully extended the readings on the FCC's high-priced instrumentation were minuscule! The same results were obtained at the homes of several other hams who run the legal limit and large antennas. The only installations that approached the FCC's new limits were stations that combined moderate or high power and antennas within a few feet of the operator, family members or neighbors. Examples or problem installations:

*100 watts into a 146 MHZ whip on the roof of a car, with people leaning against the car (or in some cases, sitting in "hot spots" in the near field inside the car).

*500 watts into a 5-element 50 MHZ yagi on a 20' mast mounted on a van (which produced fields exceeding the standard at ground level about 20 feet in front of the antenna although the fields inside the van were safely below the standard).

*VHF-UHF antennas mounted in the attic of a condominium, driven by 100 to 1000-watt transmitters (fields exceeded the standard in some places below the antenna, probably including some areas in neighboring condos).

*The FCC/EPA team didn't measure the fields at any of the biggest VHF-UHF moonbounce stations (no owner of such a station volunteered to take part in the survey). However, a 144 MHZ e.m.e. station running 1500 watts into a 24 dBd antenna array (i.e., roughly 300,000 watts e.r.p.) could well generate an RF field in a nearby house that would exceed the standard. That is why most e.m.e. operators are careful to avoid pointing a ground-mounted array at the horizon if there are people nearby in the line of fire. The van used in the 500-watt six-meter tests described above was mine. It's a VHF-UHF contest vehicle capable of high power all the way up to 1296 MHZ. I have used it at full power many times since the FCC/EPA team measured the fields, but only in remote areas where there aren't any people wandering around in front of the antennas. Under the new FCC rules, it will still be legal to use a van-mounted station like this one as long as the owner takes common sense precautions. For example, it's not the station of choice to demonstrate amateur radio at the county fair!

I'm sure none of us would defend amateur radio operations that expose unknowing people to RF fields exceeding the standards recommended by leading technical organizations such as IEEE, with or without an FCC rule.

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Why, then, is an FCC rule needed? It is needed because many amateurs have been unaware of the potential hazards of RF fields and would have remained so if this rule had not been adopted. All the FCC is really asking amateurs to do is learn about this and make certain that their own stations adhere to some basic principles of RF safety. Research into the health effects of athermal RF and low frequency fields has perhaps reached the point where research into the health effects of smoking was 32 years ago, when the first Surgeon General's report was released. While there are still many unanswered questions about RF safety, organizations such as the IEEE and the National Council for Radiation protection and Measurement are not hooting at the moon in recommending standards for public and occupational exposure. There ARE biological effects of RF energy.

Let's just say that when the health questions involved here are better understood it turns out that RF fields exceeding the current standards pose health hazards for just a small part of the population. Wouldn't the FCC's new rules, which will pose only a minor inconvenience for most of us (while greatly increasing awareness of the operating practices that should be avoided), be justified even if they save only a few lives? And what if it turns out that the health hazards are more serious than we now realize? This is not just a matter of protecting amateurs from themselves; the FCC acted because some amateurs have in fact exposed their families and neighbors to RF fields that leading standard-setting organizations consider unsafe. The new rules will NOT force most amateurs to modify their stations. The FCC's own measurements of RF fields at amateur radio stations demonstrated that most of us can easily comply with the rules. Also, as a former communication attorney I seriously question the suggestion that these rules will cause angry neighbors to file a bunch of lawsuits. No sane lawyer is going to take such a case on a contingent fee, and darned few neighbors can afford most lawyers' hourly rates. Besides, our neighbors don't even know about this: it's been virtually ignored by the popular press. These are some of the considerations that led me (and other members of the former ARRL Bio-Effects Committee) to support the FCC's proposed rules in Docket 93-62. I recently wrote a short summary of what Docket 93-62 actually says:

Here are some highlights of the amateur radio portion of Docket No. 93-62, approved by the FCC on Aug. 1, 1996:

1) Amateur radio stations will no longer be categorically exempt from complying with the FCC's RF safety standards. However, individual amateurs will not be required to perform the complex environmental assessments that are required of many other FCC licensees.

2) The standards for RF safety that amateurs (and other FCC licensees~ will be required to meet are a combination of the 1992 ANSI/IEEE standards and somewhat stricter standards developed by the National Council for Radiation Protection and Measurement. The standards establish limits for human exposure to RF fields; the permissible field strength (or "power density") varies by frequency. The lowest power density is allowed in the 30-300 MHZ range. At those frequencies, the exposure limit is 1.0 milliwatt per square centimeter in "controlled environments" (averaged over any six-minute period) and 0.2 milliwatts per square centimeter in "uncontrolled environments" (averaged over any 30 minute period). Amateurs' own households will fall under the standards for controlled environments, while RF fields in other areas such as neighbors' homes must not exceed the stricter limits that apply in uncontrolled environments.

3) Amateurs whose output power exceeds 50 watts will be required to evaluate their station configuration (including power output, antenna gain, frequency, proximity of the antenna to inhabited areas, and duration of transmissions) to assure compliance with the new rules.

4) The FCC will publish charts and tables to help amateurs determine that their installations and operating parameter comply with the rules. There will be examples showing safe distances from various kinds of antennas with various combinations of frequency, power output and transmission duration.

5) Five questions concerning RF safety are to be added to each of three amateur radio examination elements (elements 2, 3A and 3B). Application forms for new licenses and renewals will require amateurs to certify that they have read and understand the new RF safety requirements.

6) As a practical matter, the new rules will NOT require most amateurs to modify their stations. The FCC conducted a survey of RF fields near amateur

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radio stations in 1990 and concluded that only a few station configurations may result in exposures that would exceed the new standards. Potential problems are as may include high power mobile installations, antennas located indoors or close to neighbors' units

in apartments and condominiums, and high power VHF-UHF stations using very high gain antennas near populated areas (e.g., a moonbounce array pointed toward an adjacent house).

KK3K's Uplink

by Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

Well here it is, October already, and are we ever back in the throes of a new and exciting fall ham radio season! There's so much going on in ham radio, both good and bad news, that it's hard to keep up with everything that's happened recently. But we'd all better get up to speed on what's happening. If we don't, it will be at our own peril! But before I get started on all of the important issues that I want to address this month, first let me say that I'm glad to see that our new public LARC electronic listserv (larc@seta.fi) is now up and running, thanks to the hard work of Don (WB6LYI) and Nick (KA1MQX). There have been a few technical problems, but I hope that everyone will stick with the new LARC Internet mailing list because it will prove to be well worthwhile. The list is public. It is a public service provided by LARC and SETA in Finland. It's just one more example of our attempt as a public service ham club to do what our charter calls for: to provide public service. The list is out there; anyone who is interested can join and just lurk, or participate in the discussions and exchange of information. Perhaps hams who are curious about what a sexual minority ham club talks about will join and find out. Won't they be surprised to learn that we mostly talk about the same sorts of things that all other hams do? Perhaps some younger gays and lesbians living in less-than-supportive environments who need positive role models will join our list. They'll find that we're here and can help them out. The listserv can accomplish a lot of good if we support it and give it a chance.

Just a few words on other LARC business. At the time of this writing, several members are still trying to establish a regular LARC HF net on 40 meters. We'll get one going, but we can always use more stations. Keep an eye on the LARC listserv for net information. And finally, LARC elections are looming. Be sure to vote!

Now, on to a few of the important issues facing ham radio.

First, I want to comment on the threat to the ham bands and to the continued existence of ham radio. As you probably know by now, there will be another worldwide radio conference in 1997 (WRC-97). In preparation for this conference, our government has set up a working committee (IWG-2A). Their job seems to be to get ready for WRC-97 at least in part by evaluating the entire frequency spectrum. Apparently, business concerns ("little LEOs") have their eyes on our ham frequencies and are lobbying the IWG-2A committee seeking to "share" our frequencies. Initially, I had thought based upon what I read in the ham media, that the committee was looking at all frequencies, not just the ham bands. But unless I am totally misreading a certain recent post to the AMSAT Internet BB as well as the content of certain Internet discussions among hams, the IWG-2A is indeed focusing on 2 meters and 70 cm, and, in one particular case, the feasibility of commercial LEOs in the OSCAR sub-band, and looking for ham cooperation in preparing a paper on "Sharing With the Amateur Radio Service." They are most certainly looking at our bands with some priority!

Commercial LEOs in the OSCAR sub-bands? They've got to be kidding! Satellite work is weak-signal work. How can we do weak-signal work on a shared basis with commercial satellites? And, in the first place, ham bands are ham band, which means no commercial presence, or at least it used to! I think that, rather than seemingly cooperating in our own demise, providing data for "feasibility" and "sharing" studies, we hams should be taking the firm and unequivocal stand against ANY intrusion into our bands as outlined by the ARRL's Dave Sumner (K1ZZ) in the September issue of QST: "...The 2 meter and 70cm bands . . .

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By amateurs. In the public interest. Now and forever."

I think we should be mobilizing the ham community to fight this frequency grab through a public relations campaign like we have never waged before, one that would involve every ham club and organization and which would bring our story to the general public. It seems to me that the future of the entire ham radio service is at stake, and not just the satellite bands. The ARRL apparently also thinks that this threat to the entire hobby is real (see p. 76, October *QST*), but the League does not think that the "nontechnical" public can be made to understand the value of the ham frequencies. Newington has decided that "we must defend ourselves" through sending representatives to Washington and to international meetings. This is expensive, so the ARRL has established a fund, the "Fund for The Defense of Amateur Radio Frequencies," the purpose of which is to finance League representatives' trips to meetings in Washington and overseas.

But, is this going to be enough? I don't think so, and if this is all that we do aren't we wasting our most valuable resource in the fight: hams themselves! If this battle is about the future of ham radio (and I think it is), then we'd better mobilize our army of ham operators and ham clubs and start taking our case to the public. The public might not understand the technical details, but they can understand the public service and educational value of the ham radio service. If we fail to make this case and instead rely on a handful of representatives to defend our bands, I'm afraid we may wake up one morning without any frequencies. We'll have lost the war without ever fielding our army! If it sounds like I'm sounding the alarm, then that's right, I am. It's time to mobilize the entire ham community, not just our official representatives. Now, on to the next hot item in the ham news. Just when we have our hands full with business interests gunning for our frequencies, the FCC has decided to remove the ham radio exemption from certain RF safety standards evaluation regulations. Starting on January 1, 1997, any ham running in excess of 50W PEP will be required to conduct "routine" RF radiation evaluations to insure that his or her station is not the source of RF radiation levels that could be potentially dangerous to humans. What does this mean, exactly? Why 50W instead of 100W? How do we comply with the new

regulations? No one, including the ARRL knows just yet. There are a ton of unanswered questions at this point. We'll have to wait and see what comes of this. Now, on a more pleasant note, if you're a DXer, note that the League has formed the DXCC 2000 committee to evaluate the DXCC program. There is an interesting survey in the October *QST*, which outlines some of the issues that the committee will be addressing as they look at the DXCC program. Fill out the survey and send it in if you're a Dixer.

Finally, the Morse Code survey that the League is conducting continues to stir a good deal of controversy and discussion. While I have a tough time justifying requiring the code for any class license, I do think that those who argue that requiring the code helps to maintain high standards in the hobby are on the right track in their concern for high standards, even if requiring the code is no guarantee that such high standards will be achieved and maintained. I believe that the entry level license needs to be codeless, and relatively easy from the theory standpoint as well, like it is now (no code), so as to entice rather than block new entrants into the hobby. But I've always felt that upgrades should be something you work for by learning advanced theory and developing good technical skills and operating practices. Therefore, as a replacement for the code requirement, I believe that we ought to consider requiring that hams demonstrate improvement in their operating ability or technical skills at upgrade time, rather than requiring code proficiency. For example, if you were to simply maintain a basic base station of just about any sort (packet, HF, VHF, QRP, satellite, etc.) for a year that could satisfy your technical proficiency/operating proficiency requirement at the general class level. Or, alternatively you could satisfy the requirement by attaining basic DXCC (100 countries, any band, any mode), or by attaining code proficiency at 13 WPM. Maintaining a packet BBS, designing or building a piece of gear (not a "blinky" kit - something a bit more involved), publishing an article in a ham journal, performing traffic handling for a year, making a presentation before a ham club or other public group or passing a code test at 20 WPM, any of these could satisfy your advanced or extra class operating/technical proficiency requirement. Of course, you would still have to take the appropriate theory tests.

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This sort of scheme emphasizing active involvement in the hobby and giving hams choices as to how they improve themselves might very well encourage active hamming, rather than discourage upgrading. Ham club or independent VEs could supervise and certify the attainment of operating/technical proficiency levels which would give them a bit more to do than just proctor tests; they'd all become active "Elmers." Just think how this might serve to reinvigorate our hobby. All in all, the emphasis would be more on improving ham skills and enjoying ham radio, and less on mere tests and Morse code.

How would this new program be implemented? In pretty much the same way I remember from my scouting days. As I remember, the scouts published a book full of projects from which you could pick. You did the project, then you got somebody, parents, I believe, to sign off certifying that you had completed the project. Then you got credit for that project at the next scout meeting. Hams could institute a similar

arrangement. Basically, VE's could work up a list of projects that would be appropriate for different license classes. Then individual hams would select the project they want to concentrate on, do the project, then get two other hams to certify as to what they did. At upgrade time you would present the signed certification and get credit for the project and thus satisfy the operating ability/technical skills requirement for the upgrade. I realize that this is a variation of the honor system among hams and some cheating would occur, nevertheless I still think it makes good sense because of the potential positive effect on our hobby. And it wouldn't require government involvement; we hams could institute and manage the program ourselves. If we do away with the code requirement, which I favor, then we ought to replace it with some sort of requirement, one that encourages active hamming and self-improvement, and one that brings hams together for the benefit of all.

Letter to the Editor

Dave Mann raises an interesting issue in his excellent column in the August-September LNN: How should we respond when someone makes bigoted anti-gay remarks or uses anti-gay (or racist, sexist, etc.) epithets in our presence?

Note that for Dave the question is really how to respond, not should you respond. Dave is right; we do need to respond because if we just walk away from such situations we're letting our loved-ones, our best friends, our community, and, most importantly, ourselves down.

Not so long ago I learned that not responding to bigoted utterances carries with it a high price. It gnaws at you. Later you wish that you had spoken up. You realize that the comments were directed by extension to all members of the targeted group, including people who you love and who love you, people who you wouldn't hesitate to stand up for and defend if they were actually present. The point is, certain of your friends or loved-ones were there, in the sense that the bigot included them in making the blanket reference. So by not challenging the bigotry, you've let your friends and loved ones down. And you've let yourself down, because you're better than that; of course you would defend your friends or loved ones against bigoted statements if they were present, so why not defend them even though they're not physically there at the time?

We must have the courage to stand up for what is right in such situations, even if it means certain people will disapprove of us. Yes, there's peer pressure and the feeling that we want people's acceptance, and this makes it difficult to go against the prevailing group mentality sometimes, even if that mentality is bigoted. But we must.

Dave asks how he should have responded to the ham EMT who made anti-gay statements. It's never an easy call. But I

think Dave did the right thing. I would have done what Dave did, that is, point out that the bigot's remarks were offensive and bigoted. Dave told him that he and Dorothea were LARC members, and that was also a good thing to do (we who are supporters of and especially those who are members of sexual minorities need to point that out to people who use epithets in our presence). And I also would have called this person on his lack of professional ethics. Talk about the need for "sensitivity training!"

What Dave did might not have changed the bigot's attitudes on the spot, but it did allow Dave to preserve his own personal dignity. Not challenging bigoted remarks in public situations actually robs us of our dignity as persons. We lose self-respect for failing to do what we know we should. Also, there is a cumulative effect to challenging bigotry: the more fair-minded people challenge it publicly, the less it will raise its ugly head.

So here's my "attitude check" recommendation:

We should all adopt a "zero-tolerance" attitude when it comes to bigotry. We're all in this together. The bigot is attacking us personally when he or she attacks by extension people we care about, pure and simple. Stereotypes are always wrong and damaging, and we must not give tacit approval (by saying nothing in response) to racist, sexist, ageist, or homophobic statements or the use of bigoted epithets. Therefore, we must speak up every time someone makes a bigoted statement or uses an epithet in our presence in a public setting. "Zero-tolerance," no exceptions, because this is the right thing to do.

With this policy you'll be loyal to your loved-ones and friends even when they're not at hand, and you'll be happier with the person you see in the mirror every morning!

Jim Kelly, KK3K

DX in the Tropics: VP2E Hamcation

UPDATE! Caribbean Island Apartment for Hamcation Rental in Anguilla, BWI

Location: The apartment is located above Little Harbour on the side of South Hill. It is in the lower part of a private home (Dave and Dorothea's). The apartment has its own porch, two captain's beds, a desk operating position for ham radio, a kitchenette with mini-fridge, stove, sink, microwave, full bathroom with shower and closets. There are ceiling fans, built-in bookcase with books, a clock radio, dishes, and cooking/eating utensils. Maid service is provided.

Rates: The rates are US\$90 per day plus 8% government tax (total US\$97.20 per day) for up to two people.

Deposit: 25% of total bill. If you cancel at least 30-days prior to your scheduled visit, we will refund your deposit in full.

Payment: Cash or check. We are unable to accept credit cards.

Rental Cars: We can arrange for you. Cost is US\$35 per day, depending on season. The car rental agency takes credit cards and needs to see your U.S. driving license when you pick up the car. They will give you a temporary Anguillian driver's license, which costs US\$6. Driving is on the left side, but it is not difficult to get used to as there is not much traffic in Anguilla.

Getting Here: The easiest way is through San Juan, Puerto Rico. American Airlines runs American Eagle service from San Juan direct to Anguilla and takes about 55 minutes. There are two flights a day, one in the morning and the other at night. Flights leaving Anguilla are in the morning and in the afternoon.

Ham License: A VP2E license costs US\$39.06 at this time for a stroke callsign (VP2E/yourcall). A regular VP2E callsign costs double, but only needs to be held by one in a group. We can arrange it or take you to the license office so you can do it yourself. There is only one license class here, which gives all emission and frequency privileges. License fees are scheduled to rise in January 1995 to US\$46.50 (cash payment) or US\$48.36 paid by cheque).

Equipment: Bring your own rig or rent one from us. The ham position is equipped with an RM35A Astron 35 amp power supply with meters and a banana-jack power strip. We supply an antenna tuner, dummy load, antenna switches, ICE bandpass filters on all bands, a 2-meter voice and packet radio, and a packet TNC. Antennas include: Mosley Pro54 (10, 12, 15, 17, & 20 meters) yagi, Cushcraft CD40 (2 element, 40 meter) yagi, Optimized 4-element 6 meter yagi, Cushcraft R7 vertical (10-40 meters), and an 80-160 meter Windom wire antenna. Electrical supply is 120-volts AC, 60 Hz. The rental rig is an Icom IC-735 with optional CW filters and CW keyer and rents for \$25 per day.

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Morse Code: Essential Skill for Ham Radio

by Steve O. Spaniol, KK5GA, Houston, TX

[The following Letter to the Editor was received in response to a recent article.]

Dear LARC:

I would like to take the time to respond to the article on the first page of the July 1996 newsletter entitled "It's Time to Abolish the Code Requirement," written by Phil Karn.

About six years ago, the FCC added a new class of license to the ham radio arena, the Technician No-Code (or TNC) license. The intent of this license is to give the beginning radio hobbyist a few privileges in the amateur bands without having to know Morse Code. It was dubbed "the alternative way to get an entry level ticket." However, the TNC has also sparked the erroneous idea that Code is "no longer the space age way to communicate" and that it is valueless in emergencies. Let's take a few of the arguments of those opposed to learning code.

Argument 1:

"We can't justify existence into the next century if we rely on outdated communications abandoned in commercial and military practice — can you really expect the government to set aside these valuable (trillion-dollar-value) bands for the use of folks that want to avoid paying phone bills?"

This argument fails to mention that the "fastest growing segment" is the TNC license; this license grants authority to get on 2 meter and 440 repeaters. I rarely see autopatches on 160, 80, 40, and 20 meters, but they are all over the place on 2 meters and 440, no doubt being used by all those Codeless TNC license holders to call home from work or to order a

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I Need an Attitude Check!

by Dave Mann, VP2EHF

I don't usually get really angry very often. Last time was in 1968 or 69, I think. But last week I was really steamed. Whilst visiting with a bunch of local ham fellows here in Nashville (my temporary QTH) I mentioned that I needed to renew my Red Cross CPR Certificate. One of the locals, being an EMT and ham, gratuitously advised me that "he wouldn't give CPR unless he had a rubber over his whole body." Well, I am a bit slow, and didn't pick up on his tone of voice. I replied that I had given CPR for real on three occasions and felt morally obligated to help someone in distress. I went on to tell him that I figured the odds of me contracting T.B., herpes, or HIV from an unplanned, emergency CPR was next to zero. Turning the conversation back to him (thinking still that I was dealing with a rational person), I said, "what do you think?"

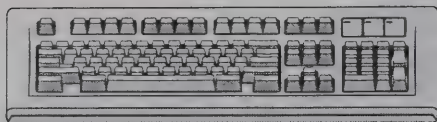
Let me pass over the fifteen minutes of vitriol, ignorance, homophobia, and frequent use of the "Q" word and the "F_G" word. Yes, please let us all pass over that. Yechhh.

I went away shortly thereafter, having learned that the EMT would:

- A. Not do CPR if a "guy looked queer."
- B. Whisper in the sick person's ear, ghostly comments about "you got what you deserve."
- C. Avoid going on a call to "one of those fag places in town."

OK, here's where my attitude check comes in (please help). Should I have:

See I NEED AN ATTITUDE CHECK! on page 4



President's Keyboard

by Nick Altenbernd, KA1MQX

President, LARC

The LARC mailbag gets some pretty strange deposits. We've had our share of "blunt crayon" letters (on display this past Dayton); we've had a run of people asking about cross-dressing groups — I can only refer them to "Tapestry" and a safe-house I've heard of in Wayland, MA; we've had people demanding we leave the ARRL alone (Are you kidding? We're part of the League); we've had people threatening us with what they claim is God's word (I wonder what God thinks about that?). One man is astounded that we have "transsexual" in our statement. "I'll bet there's not even a transsexual ham!" the guy said. As Calvin Coolidge replied to the socialite who was challenged to make him say three words at a time: "You lose."

We also have a steady stream of people who are honestly interested in finding out more about us. We have replies out to a couple dozen places in the US, and to Chile and Colombia right now. Some of these will become members, and our numbers — and visibility — will grow.

The revision of our email procedure will also bring in new people. For some time Kari, OH1BM, our email provider, has been gently mentioning opening up the list, as this would be more in line with SETA's own philosophy of openness to general society. President emeritus Jim, KK3K, and newsletter editor and database maven Don, WB6LYI, have been discussing possible revisions of our configuration for some time. Don chased after me to give it serious consideration, and we've now instituted the changes. Any person can now subscribe to our list, post there, and receive posts from there. Now, we know there are a lot of Peculiar people out there on the Net, so we're moderating both the membership and the posts. If you want no-holds-barred interchanges, flames, and abuse, go to the use- and news-groups. You'll get at least as good as you give. Our list is for the same sorts of postings that have traditionally been there but it's available now to the whole Net world. Let's see who's there. If you're not there yet, get email. It's fun.

Boston weather is very very muggy, occasionally hot, and nothing is happening here. It makes me nervous. I hope you are all getting some time away from what you usually do. Fall is coming soon (to the Northern Hemisphere, anyway), and the sunspots have to start their comeback any week now, don't they?

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Get the latest information and make sure we have your current mail and Internet address. If you're not getting the latest news from the LARC E-Mail List, just send an E-Mail to LARC-INFO@seta.fi and you'll

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pizza. Also, the amateur service is a voluntary service, as opposed to a money-making venture. Part 97.1a of the FCC rules states this as a purpose of amateur radio: "Recognition and enhancement of the value of the amateur service to the public as a voluntary noncommercial service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications." You cannot compare amateur service to commercial service since they operate under different rules.

Argument 2:

"The whole purpose of the amateur service is to advance the radio art — even in millimeter steps, or just to improve your own personal technical skills."

I pondered over this argument for a long time and then, after reading FCC Part 97.1, the answer suddenly dawned on me — there is more than one purpose for the amateur service. Emergency communications, self-training, and international goodwill. I could not find any reference to any statement that says "amateur radio must advance the radio art." There is a lot of emphasis on the amateur service being a non-profit voluntary activity, though.

Argument 3:

"The 'emergency communications' aspect of [FCC rules Part] 97.1a has been almost totally obviated by cellular phones and modern, fault-tolerant telephone and computer networks."

This argument is weak at best. How many people can afford to carry a cell phone or buy a \$1,500 computer? How many of you have fault-tolerant telephones and computer networks installed in your house? You certainly can't find such phones or computers on Interstate 10 heading west from Phoenix. Suppose you are in a remote area (like the desert) where the cell towers are not set up; the cell phone won't help you there! Did I tell you what happens to phones and computers when a disaster strikes a city and cuts the power? They either go dead

from the lack of electricity or have no site to send calls to! At least with amateur gear, we can improvise antennas and use car batteries! By the way, what does this have to do with the abolishment/non-abolishment of Morse Code?

Argument 4:

"The international goodwill aspect [of FCC rules Part] (97.1e) has been almost totally obviated by the Internet."

Sure ... for those that have enough play money to buy a late-model computer with a decent tube, then pay for the on-line service to subscribe to the Internet. Keep in mind that not everyone can afford late-model, high-tech gear; for some folks, owning a functional Heathkit is a major financial feat. Besides, the net is not capable of doing moon bounce communications. But we must ask again, what does this argument have to do with Morse Code?

To some folks, Morse Code is an "ancient way of communication" that is long past its time. However, I must stop to review my service with the American Red Cross during the 1994 floods in Houston. During some periods, communication was possible only with cw (storms drowned out voice). Also, moon bounce is possible only when Morse code is used (the signal breaks up too much for voice and data modes). Furthermore, cw does not take up a lot of band width; on crowded frequencies, this is a blessing. Finally, it will punch through a lot of noise that would ordinarily cancel out an FM, AM, or ATV signal.

While Morse Code may go away someday, I suspect that I'll administer Morse Code tests at my monthly VE sessions for many years to come. SO, take out a pen or pencil, fill in the information they ask for (including the version number and speed) on your code copy sheet, and get ready to copy this test transmission at 20 words per minute.

Your Comments?

We'd like to hear your comments about any issue on which you've got an opinion.

Just drop a DOUBLE-SPACED, typewritten letter, or, better still, a disk or E-Mail with your letter to the Long Beach post office box listed on page 2. If you send a disk, include a hardcopy — just in case.

Or, if you've just returned from a trip ... built up a little project over the weekend ... attended a hamfest,

or just about any other enjoyable activity ... members want to hear what others are doing. If you can't stand something the league is doing and want to voice your opinion, write us. If you want to complain about something the club isn't doing that you think it should, write us. Of course, it's also nice to hear if we or the ARRL is doing something right too. Either way, let's hear from you!

I Need an Attitude Check!

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- A. Assaulted him and made him need CPR?
- B. Corrected his use of particular words he used to describe gays?
- C. Told him I was a member of LARC and so is my XYL Dorothea and I resented the living shit out of his mouth, his comments, and bigotry?
- D. Just walked away, considering him a lost cause anyway.

What worries me is that here we have an emergency medical technician who is ethically and morally bound to help people in distress, with an attitude of hate.

I know this is most likely old hat to some of us in LARC — but, don't we just wonder where and how these bigots originate? Somebody, quick, give me an attitude check!

Tnx es 73 - VP2EHF

P.S. I chose #C. But felt like A+B+C.

CompuChicken

NT Chicken:

Will cross the road in June. No, August. September for sure.

O/S 2 Chicken:

It crossed the road in style years ago, but it was so quiet that nobody noticed.

Windows 95 Chicken:

You see different colored feathers while it crosses, but cook it and it still tastes like ... chicken.

Microsoft Chicken (TM):

It's already on both sides of the road. And it just bought the road.

OOP Chicken:

It doesn't need to cross the road, it just sends a message.

Assembler Chicken:

First it builds the road ...

C Chicken:

It crosses the road without looking both ways.

C++ Chicken:

The chicken wouldn't have to cross the road, you'd simply refer to him on the other side.

See COMPUCHICKEN on page 6

Election of Officers

Elections for LARC officers are coming up in December, which is just around the corner. The elective offices are President, Vice-President, and Secretary (Treasurer and Newsletter Editor are appointed by the President in consultation with the other elected officials). If you are interested in running, please prepare a statement of about 100 words to inform the membership of your interest and your ideas for LARC. These will be published in the October Newsletter. If you are planning to nominate someone else, verify that they are willing to run (we will check it, too) and submit their name. They should also submit a statement. The ballots will be sent in December, and must be returned to the Returning Officer (not yet appointed) by a set date (not yet chosen) late in the month. The results will be announced in the January Newsletter. LARC needs a full slate of involved, concerned officers. Please consider serving.

Nominations for LARC Officers

We've already received our first wave of nominations for LARC officers. If you're interested in running, or in seeing someone run, nominate yourself or someone else! Send me a letter or email telling me the person and the office for which you'd like to nominate them. I'll poll them as well, to make sure they're willing to run.

Send nominations to: Nick Altenbernd, P.O. Box 755 Kendall Station, Cambridge, MA 02142 or to: altenb@mitvma.mit.edu

Nominations must be in my hands by October 1. Responses from nominees must be returned to me by October 20. The statements and ballots will be published in the November Newsletter. Ballots will be due to the Returning Officer by December 10. Election results will be published in the January Newsletter.

Dayton Hamvention Dates

May 16-18, 1997 • May 15-17, 1998

Dayton Group Photo

The Dayton group photo for is available for \$10.00 postage paid. Send your check to LARC at the address to on page 2.

KK3K's Uplink

by Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

Ah ... vacation! Our third year of spending a month out in the Fire Island Pines. Quiet, rest and relaxation! Little did we know!

Actually, we had more than our share of excitement out here this year. First, hurricane Bertha blew by, luckily, without doing much damage. We did experience high storm tides, but not much beach erosion, thankfully. The Pines lost 6 beachfront houses last year due to the effects of the 1995 hurricane season and the severe 1996 record winter snowstorm, so there's not much beach left to lose. Each day we watch workmen rebuilding decks that were blown off of houses, and we can still see the remnants of swimming pools that used to adorn the fronts of some of the more spectacular beachfront houses. In the East end of the pines, workers are getting ready to actually move one house back 100 feet!

As if the hurricane wasn't enough, then came the terrible explosion aboard TWA Flight 800 which went down just a few miles to the East of us. The crash was close... about 15 miles East (and 12 miles out). I didn't see anything... actually I was watching a video ("To Wong Foo...") at Cherry's bar in Cherry Grove (the sister G/L/B/T community here on Fire Island, about 3/4 of a mile West of The Pines) at the time of the crash. But when I was walking

back to the Pines on the beach after midnight the night of the crash (early Thursday morning), I saw a boat close offshore using a searchlight, I guess looking for wreckage... although I was unaware of the crash and didn't know what the boat was doing there at the time... I had never seen this before. Officials on Long Island asked anyone who saw anything strange in the sky to telephone the FBI. They even set up an internet e-mail address. The Park Service and Suffolk County police patrol the beach routinely, but since the crash I've seen them search with binoculars, probably looking for floating debris and wreckage on the beach. And each day there has been a steady stream of helicopters going back and forth just offshore, searching and ferrying personnel and news media back and forth between NYC and the crash site.

Hurricane Bertha not withstanding, the weather has been nice at least some of the time we've been out here, and we've enjoyed the beach, but we can't help but feel great sorrow for the families of the 230 people that lost their lives just offshore from this beautiful resort. It's amazing how many people and how many lives were directly affected by the crash of TWA flight 800. The Saturday after the crash we went to a concert in Cherry Grove. The

NYC Gay Men's Chorus was performing. The conductor announced that the previous week there was a festival of gay choruses in Tampa attended by the members of choruses from around the world, and unfortunately, two members of the Paris Gay Men's Chorus were returning home on the doomed flight. They dedicated a touching song to their fallen comrades.

Summer sure is going by fast this year. By the time you read this Dan and I will be in Greece, enjoying a few days on the island of Mykonos, a gay-friendly resort, before embarking on a one week all-gay cruise on RSVP that will take us around the Greek islands, and to Israel and Turkey. Ham radio has been on the back burner for me during these vacation months, but it has never been out of my thoughts. All of us who are interested in amateur satellites are eagerly awaiting word about the pending launch of Phase IIID, the next high orbiting hamsat, which is due to be launched sometime within the coming months. I'll be looking at ways to update and improve my satellite station and its antennas, with an eye toward setting up for some of the new bands and modes that will fly on IIID. I'm looking forward to the fall and a return to active hamming. So, we'll see you in September!

Writers Wanted

The LNN needs your story ideas, notes, comments, Letters to the Editor, or any other contribution you'd like to make to your newsletter. You can submit your comments in writing to the address shown on page 2 or electronically. We'd especially like to hear from

our women members about what they do in amateur radio or for just plain fun. The most requested subject members ask for is for articles about other members. Let's hear from you.

CompuChicken

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VB Chicken:

USHighways!TheRoad.cross (aChicken)

Delphi Chicken:

The chicken is dragged across the road and dropped on the other side.

Java Chicken:

If your road needs to be crossed by a chicken, the server will download one to the other side. (Of course, those are chicklets)

Web Chicken:

Jumps out onto the road, turns right, and just keeps on running.

Gopher Chicken:

Tried to run, but got flattened by the Web chicken.

Newton Chicken:

Can't cluck, can't fly, and can't lay eggs, but you can carry it across the road in your pocket !

Cray Chicken:

Crosses faster than any other chicken, but if you don't dip it in liquid nitrogen first, it arrives on the other side fully cooked.

Quantum Logic Chicken:

The chicken is distributed probabalistically on all sides of the road until you observe it on the side of your course.

Lotus Chicken:

Don't you *dare* try to cross the road the same way we do !

Mac Chicken:

No reasonable chicken owner would want a chicken to cross the road, so there's no way to tell it to.

AI Gore Chicken:

Waiting for completion of NCI (Nation Chicken-crossing Infrastructure) and will cross as soon as it's finished, assuming he's re-elected and the Republicans don't gut the program.

COBOL Chicken:

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0001-CHICKEN-CROSSING.  
IF NO-MORE-VEHICLES THEN PERFORM  
    0010-CROSS-THE-ROAD VARYING STEPS  
FROM 1 BY 1 UNTIL ON-THE-OTHER-SIDE  
ELSE GO TO 0001-CHICKEN-CROSSING
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Toasters

If IBM made toasters...

They would want one big toaster where people bring bread to be submitted for overnight toasting. IBM would claim a worldwide market for five, maybe six toasters.

If Xerox made toasters...

You could toast one-sided or double-sided. Successive slices would get lighter and lighter. The toaster would jam your bread for you.

If Radio Shack made toasters...

The staff would sell you a toaster, but not know anything about it. Or you could buy all the parts to build your own toaster.

If University of Waterloo made toasters...

They would immediately spin off a company called WatToast.

If ParcPlace made toasters...

Their OO building block system would be called EGGO.

If Oracle made toasters...

They'd claim their toaster was compatible with all brands and styles of bread, but when you got it home you'd discover the Bagel Engine was still in development, the Croissant Extension was three years away, and that indeed the whole appliance was just blowing smoke.

If Sun made toasters...

The toast would burn often, but you could get a really good cuppa Java.

Does DEC still make toasters?...

They made good toasters in the '80s, didn't they?

If Hewlett-Packard made toasters...

They would market the Reverse Polish Toaster, which takes in toast and gives you regular bread.

If Tandem made toasters...

You could make toast 24 hours a day, and if a piece got burned the toaster would automatically toast you a new one.

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Toasters

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If Thinking Machines made toasters...

You would be able to toast 64,000 pieces of bread at the same time.

If Cray made toasters...

They would cost \$16 million but would be faster than any other single-slice toaster in the world.

If The Rand Corporation made toasters...

It would be a large, perfectly smooth and seamless black cube. Every morning there would be a piece of toast on top of it. Their service department would have an unlisted phone number, and the blueprints for the box would be highly classified government documents. The X-Files would have an episode about it.

If the NSA made toasters...

Your toaster would have a secret trap door that only the NSA could access in case they needed to get at your toast for reasons of national security.

If Sony made toasters...

The ToastMan, which would be barely larger than the single piece of bread it is meant to toast, can be conveniently attached to your belt.

If Timex made toasters...

They would be cheap and small quartz-crystal wrist toasters that take a licking and keep on toasting.

If Fisher Price made toasters...

"Baby's First Toaster" would have a hand-crank that you turn to toast the bread that pops up like a Jack-in-the-box.

If the Franklin Mint made toasters...

Every month, you would receive another lovely hand-crafted piece of your authentic hand-crafted Civil War pewter toaster.

If CostCo made toasters...

They'd be really cheap, as long as you bought a six-pack of 'em.

And, of course:

If Microsoft made toasters...

Every time you bought a loaf of bread, you would have to buy a toaster. You wouldn't have to take the toaster, but you'd still have to pay for it anyway. Toaster95 would weigh 15,000 pounds (hence requiring a reinforced steel countertop), draw enough electricity to power a small city, take up 95% of the space in your kitchen, would claim to be the first toaster that lets you control how light or dark you want your toast to be, and would secretly interrogate your other appliances to find out who made them. Everyone would hate Microsoft toasters, but nonetheless would buy them since most of the good bread only works with their toasters.

If Apple made toasters...

It would do everything the Microsoft toaster does, but 5 years earlier.

LARC World Wide Web Sites Enhanced

Jim Kelly, KK3K, has been maintaining and improving LARC's home pages on the Internet's world wide web. If you haven't seen the site, please drop in soon. Point your Internet web browser to:

<http://www.netaxs.com/people/skeptic/larc/>

— or —

<http://www.net-quest.com/larc/>

When Things Go Wrong ...

by Don Bledsoe, WB6LYI, Long Beach, CA

Boy, When things go wrong, they really just, plain stop working don't they? Take this issue of the LNN as an example. Things were rolling along pretty well. Then, it came time to print. Click, click ... print, print. That's all there is to it, or so I thought. All the usual dialogue boxes came up. Click. The printer blinked as it should. Then nothing. Hmmm. Try an individual page. It printed perfectly. Print the LNN. Nothing.

Check the configuration and the settings. Nothing. I wondered what was different. Everything normal. Several days go by as I work try everything I can think of. I call friends. Wait! There's that new ARRL Diamond logo on the front page. Removed it. It prints perfectly. No telling why and we'll see if it gets repaired in time for the next issue. When things go wrong ...

DX in the Tropics: VP2E Hamcation

UPDATE! Caribbean Island Apartment for Hamcation Rental in Anguilla, BWI

Location: The apartment is located above Little Harbour on the side of South Hill. It is in the lower part of a private home (Dave and Dorothea's). The apartment has its own porch, two captain's beds, a desk operating position for ham radio, a kitchenette with mini-fridge, stove, sink, microwave, full bathroom with shower and closets. There are ceiling fans, built-in bookcase with books, a clock radio, dishes, and cooking/eating utensils. Maid service is provided.

Rates: The rates are US\$90 per day plus 8% government tax (total US\$97.20 per day) for up to two people.

Deposit: 25% of total bill. If you cancel at least 30-days prior to your scheduled visit, we will refund your deposit in full.

Payment: Cash or check. We are unable to accept credit cards.

Rental Cars: We can arrange for you. Cost is US\$35 per day, depending on season. The car rental agency takes credit cards and needs to see your U.S. driving license when you pick up the car. They will give you a temporary Anguillian driver's license, which costs US\$6. Driving is on the left side, but it is not difficult to get used to as there is not much traffic in Anguilla.

Getting Here: The easiest way is through San Juan, Puerto Rico. American Airlines runs American Eagle service from San Juan direct to Anguilla and takes about 55 minutes. There are two flights a day, one in the morning and the other at night. Flights leaving Anguilla are in the morning and in the afternoon.

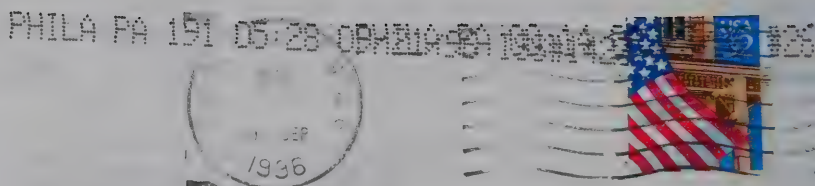
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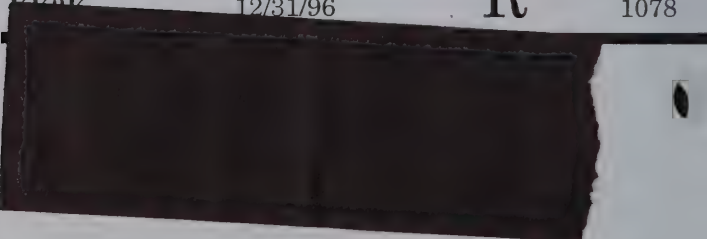
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(AMSAT News Service)

Our two most active repeater bands are being eyed covetously by Industry! Be sure to read the latest version of Dave Sumner's editorial in July *QST*. Send in your comments about the MSS proposal, and let's keep an eye on these other two satellite proposals, which may become problems in the future.

From the ARRL Letter (email edition), XV/6, June 14, 1996:

Hams continue to respond in force to defend the 2-meter and 70-cm bands against a threat from the Mobile Satellite Service (MSS). Since the issue surfaced in May, hams and others have directed thousands of letters, e-mail messages, and faxes to representatives on Informal Working Group 2A (IWG-2A), which is preparing draft US proposals for the 1997 World Radiocommunication Conference. The IWG-2A's list of "candidate bands" for low-earth-orbit mobile satellites ("little LEOs") includes the 144 and 420-MHz bands, among others suggested for consideration. Little LEOs are intended mainly to offer commercial paging and other low-data-rate messaging services.

Instead of directing comments to the individuals listed in the pre-press version of Sumner's editorial, the Commission's new procedures ask that comments by e-mail be sent to: wrc97@fcc.gov. Written

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It's Time To Abolish The Code Requirement

by Phil Karn, KA9Q

(from the AMSAT Internet BBS — Reprinted by permission of the author)

It's been about 6 years now since the US finally caught up with the rest of the world and established a no-code amateur license. So I find it quite surprising that so many US hams still haven't accepted the idea. And I'm absolutely astounded that so many of these belong to a subgroup that supposedly prides itself on its interest in advanced space-age communications technology.

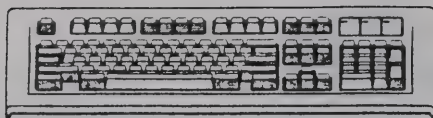
It's beyond dispute: the no-code tech is a resounding success, having exceeded even the most optimistic predictions. And the unexpectedly large percentage who do learn the code and upgrade is a particularly satisfying bit of irony. The next step is obvious and logical: the total abolition of the code requirement for all amateur licenses.

Those who cite international regulations as the reason the US can't have a no-code HF license should at least admit that the US is the main reason the requirement still exists. The ARRL has consistently shot down every past proposal to do away with it. The proposal is in fact coming back up at WRC-99, and this time things may be different. At the ARRL Forum in Dayton, League President Rod Stafford strongly hinted that he personally favors dropping the HF Morse requirement. I thought that was a remarkably courageous statement given the

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Dayton Group Photo

An enlargement of the Dayton group photo for is available for \$10.00 postage paid. As always, the proceeds benefit LARC. It turned out quite well! Send your check to LARC at the address on page 2 of this issue.



The President's Keyboard

by Nick Altenbernd, KA1MQX, Boston, MA

President, LARC

I bought a notebook computer Friday, the first computer I've ever bought. As I was walking out the door with this suitcase-shaped cardboard box, I ran into a friend who asked if I was bringing my cat to work now. Alas, I don't currently live with a cat. When I told her what it was, she said "Congratulations," (why do people congratulate you on buying a computer? It happened three times!) "now you can take it to the Cape with you for vacation." Waita minnit, I don't go to Cape Cod to stare at a computer screen, I go to stare at the ocean. It's a fun toy, of course, but it's mainly a practical tool, and I leave those behind when I go on vacation. The only practical tool I take is my hand-talkie, so I have communication with the outside world when I'm tramping alone in the woods. And some cameras. And a Swiss Army knife.

Elections for officers are coming up this year. In December we will be electing a president, a vice-president, and a secretary. A treasurer can be appointed by the president; and these four and the Newsletter editor serve as the Executive Committee, which runs the day-to-day affairs of the club, and devises long-term policies to recommend to the membership. Under ordinary circumstances these positions require an hour or two a week of the officers' time to handle administrative work, and a few emails — perhaps a dozen a week — to chat among ourselves. LARC is running smoothly right now, but we're doing it on only two, rather than five, cylinders. This is not good. It's not good for Don and me, who carry the entirety of the administration of the club between us, and it's not good for the club, especially on a long-term basis. It is imperative that people concerned with operating LARC, and with carrying out its mission, become involved.

LARC has become an established part of the ham radio world, and we need to have a cadre of active, committed people ready to carry out our missions: public service through ham radio, and education of the ham community and of the world at large about our own g/I/b/t community. Please consider running for office. If you've thought about it in the past, think harder about it now. Check the Constitution and By-laws for detailed job descriptions, and if you think you want to help, prepare a short statement of interest. If you would like to nominate someone else, you may do that as well. We will check with the person to confirm their interest and commitment. I will soon ask a member (not yet identified) to act as Returning Officer, to handle some administrative details of the election procedure and the ballot count. LARC needs you, and your time, energy and intelligence, your integrity as an upstanding member of the sexual minority community, your desire to perform public service for us, for the ham community, and for society at large.

Two ham bands whereon we perform a lot of that public service have recently been threatened by commercial interests. You may have seen the notices flying around email and in ham newsletters: the commercial satellite interests (among others) want the 2-meter and 70-cm ham bands on the table for discussion in new band allocations, at the World Radio Conference. Dave Sumner's editorial in the July QST has the latest version of the gruesome details. Check out his recommended response procedure, and respond.

When I was a kid in central Illinois, I loved to stare at the endless cornfields. Now I go to stare at the ocean. You should go stare at something horizontal, too. Take a vacation soon.

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Membership rosters are published several times each year. This summarized roster lists basic member information. If you'd like to receive an in-depth listing, just send a 9" x 12" self-addressed envelope with \$1.90 postage affixed and a custom printed roster will be on its way to you. This way, you can have an updated roster.

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comments, with an original plus one copy, should be sent to: Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. Each comment should include at the top, "Reference No. ISP-96-005" and "Advisory Committee Informal Working Group 2A." The FCC staff assures that all comments will be given prompt consideration. Spread the word about this new commenting procedure. But remember: as Sumner's July QST editorial advises—Do comment. But be civil. Don't abuse people who are simply doing their jobs.

In a development unrelated to the commercial "little LEO" proposal to share 2 meters and 70 cm, AMSAT News Service reports that NASA (JPL) plans to launch a Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) on a satellite to be placed in a 400-km orbit. The SAR would operate in the 400-470 MHz range. The choice of this part of the spectrum is reportedly due to the radar's ability to penetrate foliage and desert. Word has it that they plan to seek access to the 430-440 MHz band. The proposed NASA radar will reportedly result in a very high-power flux density at the Earth's surface and could cause interference to amateur operations if the radar transmissions were to be continuous. This appears not to be the plan, however,

based on recent correspondence between ARRL and JPL.

JPL claims that the imaging radar proposed will transmit only over land with a typical 1 to 5-minute "on" period followed by a 10-minute "off" time. These on-off cycles will be active mainly over dry land masses and woody biomasses, but rarely over populated areas. The proposed single-satellite NASA/JPL system won't fly before 2001. NASA and JPL claim that the short duration of the active transmissions and the on-board antenna directivity (the main beam, pointing sideways, will illuminate a given point in the Earth's surface for less than 2.5 seconds) will result in an insignificant probability of continuous harmful interference to the Amateur Radio service.

In another, similar proposal, the Netherlands Agency for Aerospace Programs was reported to have submitted a request for a frequency allocation for an "Earth Exploration Satellite" within the 400-470 MHz Band.

ARRL has asked AMSAT to assess the interference potential to and from the amateur satellite service that might result from both of these proposed satellite radars.

WWW Ham Radio Sites

From Bob Nicolai, WØEKM:

If you guys are interested in Ham Radio sites you can find a BIG listing at ...

<http://www.acs.ncsu.edu:80/HamRadio/>

From Stuart, GØBEV:

Another site which I've found is pretty good is ...

<http://user.ftl.net/~equinox/>

The server is also pretty fast (as viewed from over here) and the page has LOTS of links to many other sites and sources.

(If you know of others, send them to: LARC@net-quest.com and we'll list them here. —Ed.)

Are You Getting All the Latest?

To be sure you're getting all the latest information, make sure we have your current information, like your mailing address, Internet address. If you're not getting the latest news from the LARC E-Mail Reflector, then let us know your E-Mail address and the reflector will have you added to its list.

It's easy to do ... send an E-Mail to me and let me know. I'll add you to our database so your E-Mail address will show up on the roster. Kari, OH1BM, in

Finland will get notified and add you to the reflector list. It's really that simple, quick and easy! Just drop us an E-Mail message to:

LARC@net-quest.com

It's also a fast and convenient way to send us your change of address information.

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largely emotional and unreasoning nature of the opposition.

I see controversial issues like no-code and spread spectrum as an opportunity to think long and hard about amateur radio's reason for being, and how we can possibly justify its existence into the next century. Imagine that the amateur service didn't already exist. Now imagine that someone were to propose to the government that hundreds of megahertz all throughout the spectrum — with a market value of literally trillions of dollars — be set aside for the exclusive free use of about one quarter of one percent of the population who would use it mainly to avoid paying telephone bills to chat with each other. By law, their primary qualification for access to this spectrum would be the ability to use a slow, inefficient and archaic technology that has largely been abandoned in commercial and military practice. Do you think this proposal would be accepted?

The whole purpose of the amateur service is to advance the state of the art — even in millimeter steps, or just to improve your own personal technical skills. Read FCC Part 97.1 sometime. How much of it really still applies to ham radio today? The “emergency communications” aspect (97.1(a)) has been almost totally obviated by cellular phones and modern, fault-tolerant telephone and computer networks. (A few months ago I had an frustratingly inefficient experience in using 2m FM to summon aid for a seriously injured auto accident victim. So I promptly bought a cell phone. Next time I'll dial 911 myself!) The international goodwill aspect (97.1(e)) has been almost totally obviated by the Internet. There may be plenty of flame wars, but at least the international conversations do go beyond signal and weather reports.

The remaining three parts of 97.1 all deal with the technical aspects of ham radio — experimentation, advancement and self-training. No mention of “maintaining an on-air museum of antique communications technologies” or “supporting an elite social club” or anything like that. Not that these latter activities aren't allowed, of course. But they're hardly strong justifications for amateur radio's survival. Only the technical and educational aspects can even begin to do that.

Hams On Parade

by Jim Keeth, AF9A, Indianapolis, IN

One of the things organizers of major parade really seem to get excited about is the ability to be able to watch the progress of their parade from several vantage points along the route. For several years, Amateur Television (ATV) has been used during the 500 Festival Parade in Indianapolis for this purpose. Cameras are placed at positions which allow a good view of a section of the route to look for +breakdowns or other problems which could cause a delay in the parade.

For this years parade, there were six operating locations using a total of ten cameras transmitting signals back to the command post. And, again this year, one position was manned by Jim, AF9A and Rich, N9TFF. We had two cameras and associated switcher, monitors, transmitter, antennas, etc., operating from the tenth floor of an office building along the route. Our video signals were transmitted to the command post on 1.2 GHz FM. Signals from one of the other sites were received on 439 MHz and relayed on 1.2 GHz. New loop yagi antennas built by Rich were used on both ends of the 1.2 GHz link and worked great.

DXpedition '97 Set... Almost

The tentative date for the LARC 1997 DXpedition to Anguilla, British West Indies is tentatively set as June 28 to July 6, 1997.

This trip promises to once again put LARC in the record books. Be a part of history! Hopefully, the new P3D satellite will be up and operating. It's possible that we could be the first DXpedition to work it.

In addition, there will be ample opportunity for those interested in HF operating as well. There's an IARU contest scheduled for July 1.

To make it easy to save, we have an installment payment account you can make deposits to if you prefer. If you're interested in making the trip, call Don Bledsoe at (310) 494-1223, FAX (310) 494-6765, or send an E-Mail: dbledsoe@net-quest.com

Get that suntan lotion dusted off! Next year will be here before you know it.

Dayton Hamvention Dates

May 16-18, 1997 • May 15-17, 1998

KK3K's Uplink

by Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

[This is Jim's column from May.
— Ed.]

My busy Spring semester of teaching at Temple University ended just before the Dayton Hamvention. I finished grading term papers just in time to hop on my USAir flight on the Thursday just before the Hamvention. It was good to finish up the year of teaching and then head out to Dayton to take in the happenings there.

LARC's new hotel, the Ramada Inn, was comfortable and convenient. One of the amenities at the Ramada is that you can contact the hotel on a courtesy phone from the airport lobby and have a hotel courtesy car pick you

up at the airport and deliver you to the hotel. They even gave us a ride over to dinner one evening in the hotel's van. The Ramada also features a free breakfast each morning including juice, doughnuts, cereal, coffee and tea. The rooms are nice, and the free shuttle buses to the Hamvention stopped right at the front door and they were not crowded.

This year's Hamvention was the first one to be held in mid-May. The switch in dates, which was prompted by the bad weather the last few years in late April, paid off because the weather was really good. Total attendance was a little less than in previous years at just more than 30,000, but the

organizers expected this due to the new dates and they were nevertheless quite pleased with the turnout.

We had eleven LARC members in Dayton this year by my count, with eight of us staying at the Ramada. Nick (KA1MQX) and Jim (AF9A) hosted the "hospitality suite" (thanks, guys!) Don (WB6LYI) and I spent several hours manning the AMSAT booth answering questions and passing out literature, publications and tee shirts to acknowledge generous donations. AMSAT will be launching the latest and most ambitious hamsat later this year or early next year. We had our LARC meeting Saturday evening and we

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Member News: VP2EHF

The following letter was received today from Dave Mann:

20th June

Hi, Don,

Thanks so much for the get well card. I am feeling much better and am on the road to recovery. This veteran's hospital is co-located with Vanderbilt University Medical Center, so I am receiving excellent care. My prognosis is good, so I should be back to Anguilla in a few more weeks, pounding the brass again.

I received a lovely letter from Jim Kelly and Dan Evans (who are celebrating their 13th or 14th anniversary, I think). Also, Jim and Dan enclosed a picture of the LARC @ Dayton 96 meet. Jim Keeth and Bob Hamilton both sent get well cards too, so I now have a nice bunch of cards over my bed. You can just imagine how wonderful it is to receive cards and a letter from dear Friends whilst flat on my butt. I really appreciate the thoughtfulness, believe me. And your card got the whole ward to laughing, it was absolutely hilarious. The guy in Bed 13 with the 256 stitches in his abdomen should be recovered again, soon. HI.

I went downstairs and visited with the guys in the HIV ward and helped with the lunch trays. Also, I've been helping out up here on my ward as we have a couple of old guys who are not too mobile, plus some quads and paraplegics.

You know, Don, when you and I were in Vietnam, we were young dudes full of energy and raising hell (well, YOU were a good guy, I'm sure). Well, the wards are now full of RVN and Korean War vets too. But the real shock for me is the Gulf War vets. They are still so young, it is difficult to believe we were every bit as young long ago. Anyway, this is an interesting and rewarding personal experience for me, being in the hospital.

Dorothea and I are looking forward to the whole LARC DX-pedition at our home. I'm sure we can string hammocks from the palm trees and antenna towers!!

OK, will pop this in the mail — I would appreciate it if you could pass this letter into E-Mail and send it off to larc@seta.fi and the whole LARC crew, so the other members can share this letter. Sorry my handwriting is still a little rough to read.

As my physical and mental condition improve, I will be able to write more and often. You can be sure that all of our LARC friends are in mine and Dorothea's hearts.
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Dave Mann
VP2EHF

My address is:
David Mann - Patient
Ward 4B, USVA Hospital
Nashville, TN 37212-2637

[If you haven't sent a card or letter off to Dave, now's a good time to do so. —Don]

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took the annual club photo outdoors. We also enjoyed two dinners out at the Red Lobster and one at the Olive Garden. Unfortunately, the Mexican restaurant ("Quila's," formerly "Casa Lupita") has gone out of business. Maybe it will reopen by next year.

The Hamvention was fun. Several of us said hello to Dave Sumner (K1ZZ) at the ARRL booth which was busy this year and featured a demonstration of the League's new 1995 Periodicals CD ROM which includes all issues of QST, NCJ, and OEX. There were lots of new rigs to check out indoors including the new, compact ICOM IC-821H, a compact 2m/70cm VHF/UHF rig that is of particular interest

to satellite operators like myself, and the flea market was enjoyable especially with the good weather. I attended two forums, the AMSAT forum on Saturday afternoon, which focused on the next satellite, Phase IIID, and the ARRL forum on Sunday morning, during which the code/no-code debate seemed to be a topic of interest. With my duties at the AMSAT booth and the forums I attended, I had just enough additional time to fully cover the entire flea market as well as the entire indoor exhibit area. It was a busy Hamvention for me, but I'm sure I'll be pumped and ready again next year when Hamvention time rolls around once more!

KK3K's Uplink

by Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

Happy Pride Month to all! Summer is just about here, bringing with it the usual changes in our routines, both within and outside of ham radio. Conditions on the HF bands usually deteriorate as high static levels make our already more difficult task of communicating via the HF bands at the bottom of the sunspot cycle even more difficult. Vacation travel means less time for radio and computers.

Recently I tried an HF sked with two of our members in the UK, Derek Horlock (G0VCI) and Stuart Hill (G0BEV). But conditions were not too good, and I think we'll wait until fall to try again. Stateside we currently do not have any regular LARC HF skeds, however, we can start one or more if anyone is interested. We can have local nets and national nets. All that is needed is your participation. The way to start a net is to first make a sked. Anyone who wants to try for a sked, let me know via email (skeptic@netaxs.com), or via snail-mail. In the meantime, I'm busy on the satellites and I just worked new country number 210 on OSCAR 13.

LARC is dedicated to public service, and one of the best public services that we can perform is to make the hobby G/L/B/T-friendly. This year we've

been working at this by doing public relations: we've issued three press releases this year aimed at publicizing LARC's existence and activities. The ham radio media has picked up our press releases and the word continues to get out about LARC. As LARC member Art Joly said in Dayton, LARC will be there for young gays, BIs, lesbians, and XGENs who need us. We're visible and open, the only ham radio club that can say that!

On the Internet, in the Usenet group rec.radio.amateur.misc, LARC has been discussed in several "threads." There are a few notorious bigots who post typical hate-filled garbage, but what is gratifying is that now there are many hams who challenge the bigotry of a small minority. These hams are willing to defend LARC's right to exist and the right of G/L/B/T people to enjoy ham radio just like everyone else.

Thanks to my fellow AMSAT member and satellite enthusiast Phil Karn (KA9Q) for graciously allowing us to run his comments on the code/no-code controversy. Whether or not you agree with everything Phil has to say, he does make some interesting points!

Writers Wanted

The LNN needs your story ideas, notes, comments, Letters to the Editor, or any other contribution you'd like to make to your newsletter. You can submit your comments in writing to the address shown on page 2 or electronically. We'd especially like to hear from

our women members about what they do in amateur radio or for just plain fun. The most requested subject members ask for is for articles about other members. Let's hear from you.

Ariane 501 Flight Fails

(Amsat News Service Bulletin 156.01)

Several news accounts have reported that the first flight test of the Ariane 5 launch vehicle was destroyed by ground-based command 40 seconds into the flight at an altitude of about 12,000 feet (4,000 meters) as it appeared that the rocket was veering off course. The launch was initiated at 1233 Universal Time June 4, from the European Space Agency's Kourou launch facility in French Guiana, South America. Ariane 501 carried a group of four scientific satellites known as "Cluster" which were, of course, destroyed as well. No amateur radio satellites were aboard.

The AMSAT Phase 3D spacecraft currently under construction, is manifested on the second flight test of the Ariane 5 series (Ariane 502) which, according to ESA's latest schedule, is to be launched in October of this year. AMSAT officials believe that it is too early to know what the effect of the Ariane 501 failure will have on the 502 schedule, or on the possible Phase 3D launch date, or the vehicle on which it will ride; but that a schedule stretch-out beyond the re-entry of AO-13 cannot be ruled out.

AMSAT-DL President Karl Meinzer (DJ4ZC) and AMSAT-NA President Bill Tynan (W3XO), expressed their sadness on hearing the news. In a joint statement they said, "We, at AMSAT, have enjoyed a mutually beneficial relationship with ESA for over fifteen years, and we are, quite naturally, distressed to hear of this unfortunate occurrence." They further noted that except, for the RS satellites and JAS-1 (Fuji OSCAR-20), all successful amateur satellite launches since the early 1980s have been on Ariane vehicles. On behalf of the amateur radio satellite community, they extend sincere condolences to ESA, Arianespace, CNES and the Cluster Project. Both expressed confidence, however, that the ESA team will overcome this setback and develop a most successful launch vehicle. DJ4ZC and W3XO said that they are together in anticipating a successful launch of Phase 3D on an forthcoming Ariane mission. Keep tuned to ANS for further information as it becomes available.

LARC World Wide Web Sites Enhanced

Jim Kelly, KK3K, has been maintaining and improving LARC's home pages on the Internet's world wide web. If you haven't seen the site, please drop in soon.

Point your Internet web browser to:

<http://www.netaxs.com/people/skeptic/larc/>

— Or —

<http://www.net-quest.com/larc/>

Foreign Hotel Signs

Forwarded by Mark Wilcox, KC3XC via Internet

Italian Hotel Brochure

This hotel is renowned for its peace and solitude. In fact, crowds from all over the world flock here to enjoy its solitude.

Lisbon Hotel

If you wish disinfection enacted in your presence, please ring for the chambermaid.

Rome Hotel

Fire! It is what can doing, we hope. No fear. Not ourselves. Say quickly to all people coming up down everywhere a prayer. Always a clerk. He is assured of safety by expert men who are in the bar for telephone for the fighters of the fire come out.

Polish Tourist Brochure

As for the tripe served you at the Hotel Monopol, you will be singing its praises to your grandchildren as you lie on your deathbed.

Moscow Hotel

If this is your first visit to the U.S.S.R., you are welcome to it.

French Hotel

A sports jacket may be worn to dinner, but no trousers.

French Restaurant Menu

Extract of fowl, peached or sunnyside up.

Turkish Dentist Sign

American Dentist. 2nd floor-Teeth extracted by latest Methodists.

Athens Hotel

Visitors are expected to complain at the office from 9 to 11 daily.

Tokyo Hotel

Is forbidden to steal towels please. If you are not a person to do such is please not to read this.

Swiss Menu

Our wines leave you nothing to hope for.

Leipzig Elevator

Do not enter the lift backwards and only when lit up.

French Swimming Pool

Swimming is forbidden in absence of the Saviour.

Spanish Hotel Ad

The provision of a large French widow in every room adds to visitors' comfort.

Athens Hotel

Bowels in sauce. (Tripel!) Chopped up cow with wire through it. (Shish-kebob) Peoples will left the rooms at midday of tomorrow in place of not which will be more money for hole day.

DX in the Tropics: VP2E Hamcation

UPDATE! Caribbean Island Apartment for Hamcation Rental in Anguilla, BWI

Location: The apartment is located above Little Harbour on the side of South Hill. It is in the lower part of a private home (Dave and Dorothea's). The apartment has its own porch, two captain's beds, a desk operating position for ham radio, a kitchenette with mini-fridge, stove, sink, microwave, full bathroom with shower and closets. There are ceiling fans, built-in bookcase with books, a clock radio, dishes, and cooking/eating utensils. Maid service is provided.

Rates: The rates are US\$90 per day plus 8% government tax (total US\$97.20 per day) for up to two people.

Deposit: 25% of total bill. If you cancel at least 30-days prior to your scheduled visit, we will refund your deposit in full.

Payment: Cash or check. We are unable to accept credit cards.

Rental Cars: We can arrange for you. Cost is US\$35 per day, depending on season. The car rental agency takes credit cards and needs to see your U.S. driving license when you pick up the car. They will give you a temporary Anguillian driver's license, which costs US\$6. Driving is on the left side, but it is not difficult to get used to as there is not much traffic in Anguilla.

Getting Here: The easiest way is through San Juan, Puerto Rico. American Airlines runs American Eagle service from San Juan direct to Anguilla and takes about 55 minutes. There are two flights a day, one in the morning and the other at night. Flights leaving Anguilla are in the morning and in the afternoon.

Ham License: A VP2E license costs US\$39.06 at this time for a stroke callsign (VP2E/yourcall). A regular VP2E callsign costs double, but only needs to be held by one in a group. We can arrange it or take you to the license office so you can do it yourself. There is only one license class here, which gives all emission and frequency privileges. License fees are scheduled to rise in January 1995 to US\$46.50 (cash payment) or US\$48.36 paid by cheque).

Equipment: Bring your own rig or rent one from us. The ham position is equipped with an RM35A Astron 35 amp power supply with meters and a banana-jack power strip. We supply an antenna tuner, dummy load, antenna switches, ICE bandpass filters on all bands, a 2-meter voice and packet radio, and a packet TNC. Antennas include: Mosley Pro54 (10, 12, 15, 17, & 20 meters) yagi, Cushcraft CD40 (2 element, 40 meter) yagi, Optimized 4-element 6 meter yagi, Cushcraft R7 vertical (10-40 meters), and an 80-160 meter Windom wire antenna. Electrical supply is 120-volts AC, 60 Hz. The rental rig is an Icom IC-735 with optional CW filters and CW keyer and rents for \$25 per day.

Contact: A complete packet of information including photos is available from LARC members Dorothea (VP2EE) or Dave (VP2EHF) Mann, P.O. Box 599, Anguilla, British West Indies. Phone: (809) 497-2150, FAX: (809) 497-3557, or E-Mail: 74227.3127@compuserve.com

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LARC in the News

VP3EE and VH2EHF Lauded

LARC members Dorothea and Dave Mann (VP2EE and VP2EHF) were spotlighted in the May 1996 issue of QST magazine on pages 31-32 for their efforts in aiding those stricken by Hurricane Luis in Anguilla, British West Indies. They provided vital information about the hurricane to the Hurricane Watch Net and to the National Hurricane Center in Miami. In the aftermath, they operated around the clock without rest for days at a time, passing traffic of all kinds on behalf of the Government of Anguilla and its citizens. The Manns were awarded the ARRL's "International Humanitarian Award for 1995." As you may remember, LARC members were privy to many of the up-to-the-minute details of their ordeal, in some cases practically as it happened. Dorothea and Dave have set an example of the kind of spirited public service hams can — and should — be proud of!

LARC's Assistance Noted

Also in the May 1996 issue of QST on page 83 in the "In Brief" section is a recounting of LARC's contribution to assist Dorothea and Dave Mann get things back in order, along with the donation made by a group of Japanese hams who operated in Anguilla under the callsign VP2EJA.

With the next hurricane season hardly 90 days away, there's still much to be done to get ready and funds are still needed. Mail your check made payable to LARC and note on it "VP2EE/VP2EHF Hurricane Fund." Dorothea, Dave and the citizens of Anguilla will appreciate it more than you know.

Dayton Report

Nick Altenbernd, KA1MQX, LARC President

Rigs, margaritas, fleas — another year of LARC at Dayton. Our group was smaller this year than it has been in the recent past. There were a dozen members there, and reported sightings of a couple more. One new member was staying in our old digs at the EconoLodge, and didn't connect with us quite in time to make the dinner. One member imported an exotic bug, but only his partner exported it again. The weather turned beautiful for us the whole weekend and there were numerous reports of sunburn.

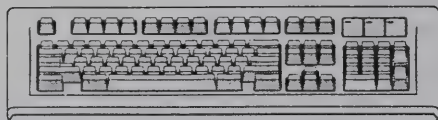
I went by the ARRL booth specifically to meet Dave Sumner K1ZZ. I was impressed that he knew immediately who I was and remembered Doug, KB8TGT, and Brian, N8VTA, from a conversation at Dayton last year. We had an interesting chat about some current issues before the League, mainly spectrum management and protection. Ham of the Year Bill Tynan, W3XO, stopped by, and this led us into a discussion of the state of the Phase III-D satellite. When we left, Dave told me to feel free to contact him about any matter we might want to discuss with Headquarters. We have a contact man there, but in the best senses of the word, we haven't a lot to discuss with them!

Jim, KK3K, Don, WB6LYI, and I attended the ARRL forum Sunday morning. Last year, the first question asked was about the LARC case and the settlement, and we wanted to be there to represent the club if the subject came up again. There were questions on choice of advisory board members, the

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Dayton Group Photo

An enlargement of the Dayton group photo for is available for \$10.00 postage paid. As always, the proceeds benefit LARC. It turned out quite well! Send your check to LARC at the address on page 2 of this issue.



President's Keyboard

by Nick Altenbernd, KA1MQX
President, LARC

I'm writing this just after the festivities in Dayton. We had a somewhat different presence in Dayton this year than in years past. This time, we were an affiliated club of the ARRL, and we have received a lot of high-profile publicity, including for our fundraising for our members Dave and Dorothea Mann the hurricane chasers (chasees? - which is it, kids?). The latest is a substantial paragraph on p. 83 of the May *QST*, citing our Mann emergency fund, and referring to the article about the LARC Anguilla DXpedition in July '94 *QST*. The box refers inquirers to our box and email, but it forgets to mention the g/l/b/t words. I mean, how establishment can you get?

The weather reports from the midwest had been pretty ugly — torrential rains, floods, tornadoes—so the later date was fortunate this year, at least. Dayton had a chance to shake off and dry out a bit before 30,000 hams came oinking in. The parking lots were passable this year, too! I tried to look at everything that squeals (except the sides of pork), blinks, or talks back. I bought NiCads to revitalize my HT and to run my flash units, and looked at that nifty 2 meter XCVR kit and those mini regenerative receiver kits that Ten-Tec finally has in production. And I replenished my supply of fleas. I never buy fleas at full price, never. So Dayton was the place.

There's been one more donation to the hurricane fund recently. Craig Mellinger, who ran traffic for us on our Montserrat DXpedition in March '93, had a TNC and software to go to the first asker for shipping. Neil McKie graciously gave the first refusal, so it could augment the Manns' hurricane watch station. Thanks again, Craig!

Elections are coming up at the end of this year, and you'll hear more about that in the next newsletter. LARC needs a full roster of officers who can commit a couple hours a week to the affairs of running the club. If you are curious about the administration of the club, or anxious to help out, please consider running for an office: President, VP, or Secretary. The elected officers, along with the Treasurer (appointed by the president) and the Newsletter editor constitute the Executive Committee, who deal with the daily running of LARC's affairs.

And start saving your dimes for Dayton '97 now.

LARC, the ARRL and Public Service

Our mailbox recently received a letter from the Philadelphia AIDS Ride. They are looking for hams to help with support for their ride this summer, and the ARRL referred them to us for support. Our mailbox is in Philadelphia, but since we're not a geographic entity, we can't just pour 20 members onto their support team, unfortunately. But some of our area members may be able to help.

LARC is chartered as a public service ham club, and, in combination with the League, we'll be able to help the larger community even better than we could before. If you can help, contact George Dowdall at gdownall@sju.edu, or Jim Kelly, KK3K, or call the Philadelphia AIDS Ride office. And tell them LARC and the ARRL sent you.

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Membership Roster

Membership rosters are published several times each year. This summarized roster lists basic member information. If you'd like to receive an in-depth listing, just send a 9" x 12" self-addressed envelope with \$1.90 postage affixed and a custom printed roster will be on its way to you. This way, you can have an updated roster.

Rosters are available only to members of LARC and may NOT be used for any commercial purpose or solicitation. Mail your request TODAY to the address immediately above.

Dayton Report

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Recently-resolved case of the renegade ham in Louisiana and a couple other things, but nobody was interested in us this year. I was pleasantly let down.

Jim and Don started their research into equipment and operating practices for III-D, in preparation for our DXpedition some time next year. We'll be one of the earliest groups to activate the new satellite from an exotic location, so we'll augment our fame on this one.

Art Joly, N1RPN, and Lynn Shackelford, AA1OH, were running a booth in the fleamarket, as well as doing some serious searching. They came back after their first day jubilant over finding an HRO-500, the first synthesized rig ever built. Steve Chekey had a successful prowl for electric medical instruments, which he collects. Jim Keeth, AF9A, and Wayne Schuler, AI9Q, our Newsletter Circulation Manager, both appeared for part of the time around family commitments. Irv Goodman, AF2K, kept turning up to chat with folks, and Brasilnut Leonard Jenkins, KB8DOA, brought in his renewal check.

Our meeting on Saturday afternoon was a blessedly informal affair. I couldn't even find the treasury report I'd so carefully prepared, and no one complained. For the record, our checking account stands at \$2,429.82. We have ads in QST and CQ VHF through next May. Don reported that paid membership is just over 100. We then adjourned to The Red Lobster for one of those big feeds that they do so well and so often in Dayton. With margaritas, of course.

The only thing missing at Dayton this year was YOU! Come next year.

Engineering Humor

from Mark Wilcox, KX3XC, Whashington, DC

Three engineers debating about what kind of engineering God prefers, Mechanical, Electrical or Civil.

Mechanical Engineer: "Just look at the bone and muscle structures, spine, the foot... God was a Mechanical Engineer!"

Electrical Engineer: "Forget that, look at the nervous system, the firing of the synapses, God was clearly an Electrical Engineer."

Civil Engineer: "Nope, you're both wrong. Only a Civil Engineer would run a sewage disposal system through a recreational area."

Dayton Reflections

by Don Bledsoe, WB6LYI, Long Beach, CA, LNN Editor

Another Dayton Hamvention has come and gone. I love Dayton, not just because of the "goodies" on sale and the high-tech rigs everywhere, but because of the opportunity to renew friendships and to make new friends. For me, that's what Dayton is all about. Don't get me wrong — I enjoy fondling microphones and comparing rigs, but after all, ham radio is all about people communicating. What better place than among thousands of fellow hams?

Dayton DID rekindle my interest in satellite operating and I'm anxiously looking forward to seeing the new Phase III-D bird go up. Jim and I are beginning to plan for our 1997 DXpedition, likely to be about one year from now in Anguilla with LARC members Dave and Dorothea Mann. We'll have another opportunity to make history by sponsoring one of the very first P3D DXpeditions. Be a part of history and join us. More on this as it develops.

Meeting fellow LARC members in person puts a new face on amateur radio. It's more personal — the way the hobby ought to be and used to be. Let's get back to that wonderful feeling again.

Plan now to join us in Dayton in 1997. You'll be glad you did!

Free Internet Stuff

from Bob Nicolai, W0EKM, St. Louis, MO

You like free, well here's FREE:

<http://magnet.mwci.net/mall/rodeo/free2/free.htm>

Want to send a greeting card, try:

<http://buildacard.com/>

Want to send a postcard, go to:

<http://postcards.www.media.mit.edu/Postcards/>

Writers Wanted

The LNN can use your story ideas, notes, comments, Letters to the Editor, or any other contribution you'd like to make to your newsletter. You can submit your comments in writing to the address shown on page 2 or electronically. We'd especially like to hear from our women members about what they do in amateur radio or for just plain fun. The most requested subject members ask for is for articles about other members. Let's hear from you.

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Smile! Man's Best Friend

This guy goes into a bar looking real depressed, and orders a drink. As soon as it hits the bar, the man shoots it down and orders another. The sympathetic bartender asks, "Any thing you want to talk about?"

The depressed man replies "Well for the last couple months, I suspected my wife was cheating on me. So today, I took the day off work to follow her. When I came home for lunch, I caught her screwing my best friend."

"Wow" replied the bartender, "If you don't mind me asking, what do you say to your best friend in that situation?" The man replied, "Well I looked him right in the eye, and I yelled, BAD DOG!!!"

There were three priests in a railroad station who had to go to Pittsburgh for a conference — they varied in age, one was old and experienced, one was middle aged and thought he knew more than he did, and one was a young greenhorn. They hadn't yet bought their tickets, so the youngest one was delegated for the job. He went up to the counter where a young, voluptuous blonde was working.

"Excuse me, Miss," said the young priest, his eyes fixed on the girl. "Could I please have three tickets for Titsburg?" Immediately, the young priest realized with horror what he had said and retreated to where his colleagues were standing. He confessed what had happened, and the oldest priest delegated their middle-aged confrere to request the tickets.

The middle aged priest went up to the ticket counter, where the young, extraordinarily curvaceous and voluptuous blonde was still waiting to serve customers. He peered down, with a certain amount of anxious curiosity, the young woman's firmly outlined breasts and cleared his throat officiously.

"Excuse me, Miss," he said in his best pulpit voice. "May I have three tickets to Pittsburgh and also some nipples and dimes for the vending machine?"

Realizing his mistake almost as quickly as his younger colleague, he retreated from the counter in shame and confessed what had happened to the older priest. The older priest listened with a sense of superiority and finally determined to complete the mission himself. He approached the ticket counter with enormous aplomb. The young woman, her low, alluring cleavage plainly in view but which the priest disdained to look at, glanced up innocently at him.

"Excuse me, Miss," he said calmly. "I would like to purchase three tickets to Pittsburgh and procure some nickels and dimes for the vending machines. And may I say, young lady," he added in solemn

tones, "that if you do not correct your behavior and manner of dress, when your time comes — as it must for all living flesh — and you rise to heaven and are awaiting judgment at the Gates of Heaven — St. Finger is going to point his Peter at you."

A farmer was worried that none of his pigs were getting pregnant. He called a vet and asked what he should do if he wanted more pigs. The vet told him he should try artificial insemination. The farmer, not wanting to appear stupid, answered okay and hung up the phone.

Unclear on what the vet meant by artificial insemination, the farmer decided it must mean he had to impregnate the pigs himself, so he loaded all the pigs in his pickup and drove down to the woods and shagged them all. The next day he called the vet again, and asked how would he know if the pigs were pregnant. The vet told him they would be lying down rolling in the mud, but when he looked out the window not even one was lying down.

So, he loaded them up in his pickup again and drove them to the woods and shagged them all again. To his dismay they were all standing the next morning. So, again he loads the pigs in his truck drives them to the woods and shags them for the third time.

By the next morning the farmer is beat, so he asks his wife to hop out of bed and look out the window to see what the pigs are doing. She says, "Hmmm — that's weird, they are all in the truck and one of them is blowing the horn."

Reminders

1997 DXpedition

We're gearing up to make another foray into the world of DXing with our 1997 DXpedition. This trip promises to once again put LARC in the record books. If all goes well, the new P3D bird will be up and operating. It's possible that we could be the first DXpedition to work it.

If you're interested in making the trip, call Don Bledsoe at (310) 494-1223, FAX (310) 494-6765, or send an E-Mail: dbledsoe@net-quest.com

Get that suntan lotion dusted off! Next year will be hear before you know it.

Are You Internet Addicted?

from Kim Kelly, KK3K, Philadelphia, PA

You know you are addicted to the Internet when ...

You actually wore a blue ribbon to protest the Communications Decency Act.

You kiss your girlfriend's home page.

Your bookmark takes 15 minutes to scroll from top to bottom.

Your eyeglasses have a web site burned in on them.

You find yourself brainstorming for new subjects to search.

You refuse to go to a vacation spot with no electricity and no phone lines.

You finally do take that vacation, but only after buying a cellular modem and a laptop.

You spend half of the plane trip with your laptop on your lap and your child in the overhead compartment.

All your daydreaming is preoccupied with getting a faster connection to the net: 28.8, ISDN, cable modem, T1, T3.

And even your night dreams are in HTML.

You find yourself typing "com" after every period when using a wordprocessor.com

You turn off your modem and get this awful empty feeling, like you just pulled the plug on a loved one.

You refer to going to the bathroom as downloading.

You start introducing yourself as "Jim at I-I-Net dot net dot au

Your heart races faster and beats irregularly each time you see a new WWW site address in print or on TV, even though you've never had heart problems before.

You step out of your room and realize that your parents have moved and you don't have a clue when it happened.

You turn on your intercom when leaving the room so you can hear if new e-mail arrives.

Your wife drapes a blond wig over your monitor to remind you of what she looks like.

All of your friends have an @ in their names.

When looking at a pageful of someone else's links, you notice all of them are already highlighted in purple.

Your dog has its own home page.

You've already visited all the links at Yahoo and you're halfway through Lycos. or [C]ontinue?

You can't call your mother ... she doesn't have a modem.

You realize there is not a sound in the house and you have no idea where your children are.

You believe nothing looks sexier than a man in boxer shorts illuminated only by a 17" inch SVGA monitor.

You check your mail. It says "no new messages." So you check it again.

You refer to your age as 3.x.

You have commandeered your teenager's phone line for the net and even his friends know not to call on his line anymore.

Your phone bill comes to your doorstep in a box.

Even though you died last week, you've managed to retain OPS on your favorite IRC channel.

You code your homework in HTML and give your instructor the URL.

You don't know what sex over three of your closest friends are, because they have neutral nicknames and you never bothered to ask.

You name your children Eudora, Mozilla and Dotcom.

You laugh at people with 2400 baud modems.

Your husband tells you he's had the beard for 2 months.

You miss more than five meals a week downloading the latest games from Apogee.t, or [C]ontinue?

You start looking for hot HTML addresses in public restrooms.

You wake up at 3 a.m. to go to the bathroom and stop and check your e-mail on the way back to bed.

You move into a new house and decide to Netscape before you landscape.

You tell the cab driver you live at <http://123.elm.street/house/bluetri m.html>

You actually try that 123.elm.street address.

Your virtual girlfriend finds a new net sweetheart with a larger bandwidth.

You tell the kids they can't use the computer because "Daddy's got work to do" and you don't even have a job.

Your friends no longer send you e-mail ... they just log on to your IRC channel.

You buy a Captain Kirk chair with a built-in keyboard and mouse.

Your wife makes a new rule: "The computer cannot come to bed."

You are so familiar with the WWW that you find the search engines useless.

You get a tattoo that says "This body best viewed with Netscape 1.1 or higher."

You never have to deal with busy signals when calling your ISP ... because you never log off.

The last girl you picked up was only a jpeg.

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DX in the Tropics: VP2E Hamcation

UPDATE! Caribbean Island Apartment for Hamcation Rental in Anguilla, BWI

Location: The apartment is located above Little Harbour on the side of South Hill. It is in the lower part of a private home (Dave and Dorothea's). The apartment has its own porch, two captain's beds, a desk operating position for ham radio, a kitchenette with mini-fridge, stove, sink, microwave, full bathroom with shower and closets. There are ceiling fans, built-in bookcase with books, a clock radio, dishes, and cooking/eating utensils. Maid service is provided.

Rates: The rates are US\$90 per day plus 8% government tax (total US\$97.20 per day) for up to two people.

Deposit: 25% of total bill. If you cancel at least 30-days prior to your scheduled visit, we will refund your deposit in full.

Payment: Cash or check. We are unable to accept credit cards.

Rental Cars: We can arrange for you. Cost is US\$35 per day, depending on season. The car rental agency takes credit cards and needs to see your U.S. driving license when you pick up the car. They will give you a temporary Anguillian driver's license, which costs US\$6. Driving is on the left side, but it is not difficult to get used to as there is not much traffic in Anguilla.

Getting Here: The easiest way is through San Juan, Puerto Rico. American Airlines runs American Eagle service from San Juan direct to Anguilla and takes about 55 minutes. There are two flights a day, one in the morning and the other at night. Flights leaving Anguilla are in the morning and in the afternoon.

Ham License: A VP2E license costs US\$39.06 at this time for a stroke callsign (VP2E/yourcall). A regular VP2E callsign costs double, but only needs to be held by one in a group. We can arrange it or take you to the license office so you can do it yourself. There is only one license class here, which gives all emission and frequency privileges. License fees are scheduled to rise in January 1995 to US\$46.50 (cash payment) or US\$48.36 paid by cheque).

Equipment: Bring your own rig or rent one from us. The ham position is equipped with an RM35A Astron 35 amp power supply with meters and a banana-jack power strip. We supply an antenna tuner, dummy load, antenna switches, ICE bandpass filters on all bands, a 2-meter voice and packet radio, and a packet TNC. Antennas include: Mosley Pro54 (10, 12, 15, 17, & 20 meters) yagi, Cushcraft CD40 (2 element, 40 meter) yagi, Optimized 4-element 6 meter yagi, Cushcraft R7 vertical (10-40 meters), and an 80-160 meter Windom wire antenna. Electrical supply is 120-volts AC, 60 Hz. The rental rig is an Icom IC-735 with optional CW filters and CW keyer and rents for \$25 per day.

Contact: A complete packet of information including photos is available from LARC members Dorothea (VP2EE) or Dave (VP2EHF) Mann, P.O. Box 599, Anguilla, British West Indies. Phone: (809) 497-2150, FAX: (809) 497-3557, or E-Mail: 74227.3127@compuserve.com

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You put a pillow case over your laptop so your lover doesn't see it while you are pretending to catch your breath.

You ask a plumber how much it would cost to replace the chair in front of your computer with a toilet.

You forget what year it is.

You start tilting your head sideways to smile.

You ask your doctor to implant a gig in your brain.

You leave the modem speaker on after connecting because you think it sounds like the ocean wind ... the perfect soundtrack for "surfing the net".

You begin to wonder how on earth your service provider is allowed to call 200 hours per month "unlimited."

You turn on your computer and turn off your wife.

Your wife says communication is important in a marriage ... so you buy another computer and install a second phone line so the two of you can chat.

As your car crashes through the guard rail on a mountain road, your first instinct is to search for the "back" button.

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Phase 3D Shock Tests Successful

AMSAT North America says a series of qualification shock tests have been successfully completed for the Phase 3D specific bearing structure. That's the structure which will be used to carry the Phase 3D spacecraft into orbit during launch. The tests in late January and early February exposed the structure to the shock environment expected to be encountered on the Ariane 5 vehicle during liftoff. Tests also successfully demonstrated the operational performance of the spacecraft's separation system.

AO-10

From AMSAT North America, word that OSCAR-10 may once again be coming back to life. Reports say that the satellite's transponder is putting out a beacon tone. Also, the downlink has been intermittently functional.

OSCAR-10 is one of the oldest ham satellites still in orbit. As such it has been plagued by solar radiation corrupting its on-board computer. Also, low levels of sunlight reaching its panels have kept it off the air.

New CD-ROM Version of QST Available

The ARRL's new CD-ROM version of QST was a hit at the marketplace. The CD-ROM features an entire year's worth of QST, plus QEX and the National Contest Journal. It includes full text, photographs, schematics and other graphics, and advertisements. Among other things, users can search for text and zoom in to schematics and diagrams to enhance detail.

Auction Threat To Ham Bands

Could our ham bands be auctioned off to the highest bidder as a result of spectrum utilization

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Anguilla Donation

We have received another donation for the Emergency Fund that we established for Dave and Dorothea Mann. Craig Mellinger, N2MNA, has contributed to the fund. Craig is not a member of LARC, but many of our members will know him as the unflappable stateside ham who ran traffic control for the LARC group who operated a satellite expedition from Montserrat, in March of 1993. Many thanks for your donation, Craig!

We can still forward funds to Dave and Dorothea to help them get the Caribbean emergency ham net back in operating condition before the *next* hurricane season starts - Dave is already worrying about it. Send in your donation to the LARC mailbox, and we'll forward it immediately to Dave and Dorothea.

W5YI Reports on LARC

(Thanks to Jim Keeth, AF9A, for obtaining this report. —Ed.)

In the April 1, 1996 edition of the W5YI Report, page 8:

"THE LAMBDA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (LARC), A PUBLIC-SERVICE ORIENTED HAM RADIO CLUB FOR GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDERED HAMS HAVE RAISED \$1,050 to aid Anguilla hams in their recovery efforts after last year's devastating hurricane season. The money will be used to replace/repair radio equipment and to purchase supplies. After a stormy beginning when the ARRL refused their advertising, LARC is now a full-fledged ARRL affiliated club."



President's Keyboard

by Nick Altenbernd, KA1MQX, Boston, MA
President, LARC

My parents in central Illinois have been telling me how beautiful the garden is, and all the trees are in bloom. What does it look like out there in Boston? Well, I tell them, since spring tends to come stomping in around here wearing L.L. Bean hip boots, it's often difficult to distinguish it from its predecessor. Winter is trying not to let go in New England. We had six inches of snow yesterday (April 10) and we've broken the all-time record set two years ago, by ten inches. Enough already! You can stop now.

LARC has been occupying a bit more of my time as we prepare for Dayton. Joe Greenberg brought good order to the secretary's job, and got all the outstanding applications and letters of interest under control, but he has now left the Executive Committee as Secretary and V-P, and I've been handling all the arrangements and finances. I must remember to send for a Hamvention ticket soon now.

It's April so it must be Dayton, right? No, wait a minnit, that was before. Dayton is usually my first whiff of real spring, climbing off the plane into the gentle, warm, slightly humid air of the Ohio River Valley. But on the third weekend of May, it might well be my first taste of summer. We're expecting about 10 LARC members now. If you're going to be there, let the email or the post office box know. We'll have an informal dinner on Saturday night, and we'll be socializing in and around the motel. Will there be a meeting? The by-laws state that a meeting is to be held in Dayton each year, and that a quorum must be present. A quorum consists of two elected Executive Committee members, and two general members. We'll have plenty of general members there, but we simply don't have two elected EC members at the present time. We have none. I serve by succession, and Don (WB6LYI) serves by appointment. The framers of our constitution never foresaw our current situation, of course; but I think the spirit of the document, rather than its letter, should be respected, and we'll plan on a meeting on Saturday afternoon as usual, preceding dinner. If anyone has business they would like placed on the agenda, please let me know. Send it to my email, or my own P.O. box address.

Don apologized last month for combining two issues of the newsletter. The good news is that it's because he's so busy in all his professional undertakings. The lateness of this issue is my fault - getting this column and a couple other things done — but fortunately it's for the same reason. By the time the next issue is due, I should (better) have prints ready for the gallery this summer, and have finished editing the Wanamaker organ history (watch for it in a bookstore near you!). We'll plan on a summer's worth of prompt issues.

And you can help make them interesting. What are you up to? Where have you been? Gotten that DXCC yet? Let the newsletter hear about it. And come on out to Dayton.

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Net Newsbits

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hearings no going on in Washington? The American Radio Relay League is taking action to see that this does not occur. We have more in this special report from Amateur News Weekly in Ohio:

What are the possibilities of losing our amateur bands? It may be greater than you think. The Congressional Budget Office in Washington, D.C. has started to evaluate the amateur radio spectrum as well as other services for its potential auction value. It is thought that this action has been brought on as a way to lower the Federal Budget Deficit.

In the past the FCC has auctioned off segments of the RF spectrum as a way to settle disagreement between two or more entities wanting the same section of a particular band. The ARRL has supplied documentation to the Congressional Budget Office highlighting the positive aspects of amateur radio in such areas as emergency communications and other contributions to society in attempt to insure the amateur bands continued to be excluded from any further action. Amateurs should make sure that their congressmen and senators representing their area are aware

of the full extent that amateur radio plays in their districts.

By the way, the American Radio Relay League is the only organization representing Amateur Radio that is taking an active part in these hearings. Other groups claiming to be a voice for United States hams have not even bothered to show up in Washington to make their voices heard.

DX Stamps

Also, the government of the Solomon Islands has released a set of four postage stamps commemorating inventor Guillermo Marconi and 100 Years of Radio Communication. The \$1.05 stamp shows Marconi demonstrating his invention, c. 1896. A \$1.20 stamp depicts a typical maritime installation of the Marconi International Marine Communication Company, c. 1900. A \$1.35 stamp depicts the first aeronautical radio systems supplied by Marconi to commercial aircraft. A \$1.45 stamp shows Marconi in Japan during his 1933-34 world tour. The four stamps are available on a color first-day cover from Peter Taylor, G8BCG.

Ham Radio Thesis

Last but by no means least, a Georgia ham has decided to use Amateur Radios' participation in emergencies as a subject for her Masters thesis, and she is asking for your help. Bella Romain, N4ILQ of Carrollton Georgia has decided to do an in-depth study into just what motivates hams to risk their own lives to provide help to others. Sometimes doing so while putting their own personal safety at risk. She says it is something that needs to be better understood:

"Ham radio has been a part of my life for many years Out-Q: ...ham radio operators who do this.

Since nobody has done such a study, and since Bella Romain needs a topic for her thesis, she figured she could combine the two into a single project that would benefit not only her, but the Amateur Radio service as well. To that end, she will make the completed work available to anyone interested after it has been completed and graded. If you want to become a part of this rather ambitious project, drop a note to: Bella Romain, N4ILQ, 285 Timber Ridge Trail, Carrollton, Georgia 30117

You can also e-mail her via the Internet to: bella@mindspring.com

KK3K Gets the Word Out

Jim Kelly KK3K prepared a press release about our Anguilla Emergency Fund, and our affiliation with the ARRL. It's been appearing around in a lot of places — W5YI Report, Amateur Radio News Service — and we're getting a lot of positive responses from it, especially in the form of people who are interested in information about membership. We have about 35 information packets out to people now, so we can expect another bump-up in our membership. Wave that Lambda flag!

Writers Wanted

The LNN can use your story ideas, notes, comments, Letters to the Editor, or any other contribution you'd like to make to your newsletter. You can submit your comments in writing to the address shown on page 2 or electronically. We'd especially like to hear from our women members about what they do in amateur radio or for just plain fun. The most requested subject members ask for is for articles about other members. Let's hear from you.

Greetings from Anguilla!

by Dave Mann, VP2EHF, Anguilla, British West Indies

Well, I wanted to report on the wild and crazy visit of our 5 Russians. They are dedicated testers, and you can believe me and Dorothea when we tell you that they kicked some serious butt in the contest. It was some contest, like CQ world wide or something. Anyway, they came in a few days early, helped me put the crank up tower back up (which was blown down by LUIS) and helped build a wire beam for 80 meters. We snaked a heavy extension cord around from the circuit breakers to the apartment so they could fire up the Alpha amplifier on 240 volts. Good thing we originally used hard line for the feeds ... They did good and had a great time. Pretty sure they won, too.

Now for the not so good news. Andy, UA3DPX, speaks excellent idiomatic english so I was able to converse with him at length. I asked him about the situation in Russia with gays, lesbian and transgendered people. As many of you probably know, Russians are extremely prudish people (or as my sainted Mother from San Antonio Texas used to say, 'why, David Edwin Mann, don't you know those boys wouldn't say shit if they had a mouthful' ...) Indeed, Andy was very nervous talking about such things as gay activities, heterosexual prostitution, and just about any other subject that came close to

sex. He said that yes, there must be gay people in the New Russia (duh!) but that he didn't know any. I asked about the "Obanyu" (like a sauna bath for the family) and he showed me a picture of himself and five other hams sweating it up, but with towels strategically placed to hide those Russian Bears. I asked about gays and gay Obanyu and he said there is a lot of prejudice against "them". It was "n'culturny" (not cultured) to speak of them and such activity. Something most people have known for ages, anyway, but Andy is one of the new, modern capitalist Russians. I didn't really expect to hear anything different, but just a little surprised that there is still an unrelenting and continuing current of fear, suspicion, distaste, shame and furtiveness (sp?) about gay lifestyles.

I asked him what he thought about reality of gay life in the USA and other countries, and he wasn't very forthcoming with an opinion. Somehow I don't think he has thought about it. He did say that he couldn't possibly entertain a gay person because "it would ruin his business reputation". I felt like I was pressing my luck to ask anymore questions .. but he said, "well I know you and Dorothea are members of the LARC which is for gay people" to which I replied that LARC members are

our friends, they are ordinary people who have different customs and lifestyles and that LARC membership is open to all who are interested in joining the club and supporting the club's goals and mission. He never could ask what he wanted to ask, which was probably, "are you and Dorothea gay or else why belong to the LARC group.", he was nervous just mentioning the fact.

Wow, strange experience! The four guys and one gal were so very warm and cordial. They reminded us a lot of Americans from a farm town in middle Iowa or Kansas. Conservative, openly Orthodox Christian, outspoken about international politics and the foibles of their own government and politicians, but seemingly unaware of the AIDS epidemic in the old Soviet Union.

I think back to Dorothea's and my tour in Moscow and Leningrad in 1977, courtesy of the US Army, and remember how warm and friendly the people were at that time. But still very third world in many respects and extremely conservative. Now that's a conundrum: A communist country peopled and run by the Jerry Falwells, Pat Roberts' and Jesse Helms' counterparts. And now they've got Capitalism, with a capital "C" — prepared or not, it is there now and forevermore.

Whew!

Reminders

1997 DXpedition

We're gearing up to make another foray into the world of DXing with our 1997 DXpedition. This trip promises to once again put LARC in the record books. If all goes well, the new PD3 bird will be up

and operating. It's possible that we could be the first DXpedition to work it.

If you're interested in making the trip, call Dor Bledsoe at (310) 494-1223, FAX (310) 494-6765, or send an E-Mail: dbledsoe@net-quest.com

Get that suntan lotion dusted off! Next year will be here before you know it.

What's in a Call?

by Stuart Hill, GØBEV, Newcastle, England

Callsigns occupy a special place in the radio amateur's particular world. Probably for most of us, they are as indelibly printed in our minds as our own names, and as unforgettable.

In many administrations they follow us from their assignment to the grave unless we renounce them voluntarily, (something I expect is a rare enough event in itself) or perhaps bequeath them (as is sometimes allowed) to another cherished individual like a son or daughter. Consider how often we refer to each other by callsign rather than by name (as if it weren't uncommon to be ignorant of the callsign holder's name anyway!)

There is a lot of information in the callsign, some of which is instantly recognisable. The prefix letter for example — every radio amateur knows that "D" represents Germany, "F" does for France, "G" the United Kingdom, whilst "K"s and "W"s betoken a US amateur (though I've never quite figured out how that latter system works exactly, maybe some day somebody will explain it to me in simple terms...) These prefixes extend beyond amateur radio — any people would recognise them as nationality indicators in aviation, for example.

The system here in the UK is relatively simple compared to some. We have four licence classes, two of which are novice categories and relatively recently introduced. The full licencees divide into two classes — "A" and "B." The former enjoy all licenced privileges and can operate on all available bands in all permitted modes & power levels. The latter

class is awarded to those without morse proficiency and is restricted to frequencies above 30 MHz. Parallel conditions attach to the two novice classes (which are prefixed with 2 and a letter to indicate locality.) The class of a full (and a novice) licence is immediately apparent from the numeral following the prefix. Thus 0, 2, 3, 4, 5 are A class licences whilst 1, 6, 7 and 8 are class B (with a few exceptions.)

Numeral 5 licences are rare and are mainly those issued to individuals between 1921 to 1939, or issued to mark special occasions (a recent example was the call GB5BA issued late last year on the occasion of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, which held its Annual Meeting in Newcastle — a special station in which I was involved.) Numeral 9 calls as far as I know, have never been generally released but have been reserved for special, non-amateur categories. Following the G character may be a second letter indicating either locality (I = Northern Ireland, J = Island of Jersey, W = Wales, etc) or if B then a repeater, beacon or data mailbox.

Following the numeral may be two or three letters — two letter callsigns were issued up to 1939, and it is possible to estimate the age of the callsign approximately from the numeral & letter combination. Thus for example 3AAA was issued in 1946, G3HAA in 1950, G3OAA in 1960, G3ZAA in 1971, G4MAA in 1981, G0MAA in 1990, and so on. Class B licences appeared in 1964 with G8AAA, G6CAA in 1981, up to G7FAA in 1990.

However, given that a callsign once issued is never re-assigned to anyone within the lifetime of that individual, it follows inevitably that one day, the supply of G callsigns will run out ! What makes this point topical is that this is just about to happen. It has been clear for quite a while from the pace of issue that this would happen soon, especially for B class callsigns, and there was some speculation as to what would follow. Most administrations of any size have more than one prefix which is available to them, and it has recently been announced that the UK has decided to move from the G prefix to the letter M. The latter has rarely been used except for very special occasions (such as the 100th. anniversary of Marconi's first trans-Atlantic radio transmission last year — M100MAR). So the whole cycle is now about to repeat itself all over again, and now that the G cycle is about to disappear for ever, not surprisingly, there has been quite a scramble to acquire one of the last of them, before April of this year. Any unused calls in either current G0 or G7 series won't be issued at all. The novice calls of course are not affected by this of course.

So this is something new to look out for - if you hear an unusual call prefixed with M, now you'll know where the caller comes from ! And a word of caution if you're a CW operator, be careful if you're wondering if that dot got lost in the QRM — maybe it didn't; it makes all the difference in the world, not least to the possessor of the new callsign. You have been warned.

DX in the Tropics: VP2E Hamcation

UPDATE! Caribbean Island Apartment for Hamcation Rental in Anguilla, BWI

Location: The apartment is located above Little Harbour on the side of South Hill. It is in the lower part of a private home (Dave and Dorothea's). The apartment has its own porch, two captain's beds, a desk operating position for ham radio, a kitchenette with mini-fridge, stove, sink, microwave, full bathroom with shower and closets. There are ceiling fans, built-in bookcase with books, a clock radio, dishes, and cooking/eating utensils. Maid service is provided.

Rates: The rates are US\$90 per day plus 8% government tax (total US\$97.20 per day) for up to two people.

Deposit: 25% of total bill. If you cancel at least 30-days prior to your scheduled visit, we will refund your deposit in full.

Payment: Cash or check. We are unable to accept credit cards.

Rental Cars: We can arrange for you. Cost is US\$35 per day, depending on season. The car rental agency takes credit cards and needs to see your U.S. driving license when you pick up the car. They will give you a temporary Anguillian driver's license, which costs US\$6. Driving is on the left side, but it is not difficult to get used to as there is not much traffic in Anguilla.

Getting Here: The easiest way is through San Juan, Puerto Rico. American Airlines runs American Eagle service from San Juan direct to Anguilla and takes about 55 minutes. There are two flights a day, one in the morning and the other at night. Flights leaving Anguilla are in the morning and in the afternoon.

Ham License: A VP2E license costs US\$39.06 at this time for a strok callsign (VP2E/yourcall). A regular VP2E callsign costs double, but only needs to be held by one in a group. We can arrange it or take you to the license office so you can do it yourself. There is only one license class here, which gives all emission and frequency privileges. License fees are scheduled to rise in January 1995 to US\$46.50 (cash payment) or US\$48.36 paid by cheque).

Equipment: Bring your own rig or rent one from us. The ham position is equipped with an RM35A Astron 35 amp power supply with meters and a banana-jack power strip. We supply an antenna tuner, dummy load, antenna switches, ICE bandpass filters on all bands, a 2-meter voice and packet radio, and a packet TNC. Antennas include: Mosley Pro54 (10, 12, 15, 17, & 20 meters) yagi, Cushcraft CD40 (2 element, 40 meter) yagi, Optimized 4-element 6 meter yagi, Cushcraft R7 vertical (10-40 meters), and an 80-160 meter Windom wire antenna. Electrical supply is 120-volts AC, 60 Hz. The rental rig is an Icom IC-735 with optional CW filters and CW keyer and rents for \$25 per day.

Contact: A complete packet of information including photos is available from LARC members Dorothea (VP2EE) or Dave (VP2BHF) Mann, P.O. Box 599, Anguilla, British West Indies. Phone: (809) 497-2150, FAX: (809) 497-3557, or E-Mail: 74227.3127@compuserve.com

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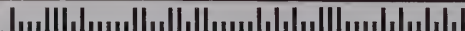
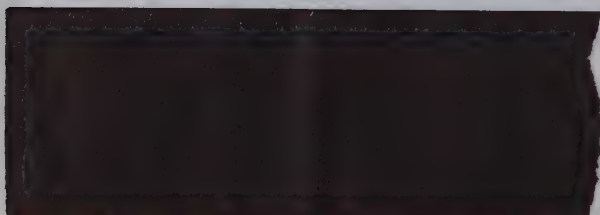


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Ham News

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FCC Proposes To Suspend Amateur Use of 76-77 GHz

The FCC says that it wants to strip Amateur Radio from temporary use of one of its microwave bands to permit further experimentation with vehicle locating systems. In a Second Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in ET Docket 94-124, issued just before the Federal shutdown in mid-December, the Federal Communications Commission has proposed amending Part 97 of its rules to temporarily disallow amateur use of the 76-77 GHz band," which the FCC hopes to open for commercial development along with other "millimeter wave" frequency bands above 40 GHz. The band in question is part of the 75.5 to 81 GHz allocation, which "the amateur and amateur satellite services share with other users on a primary basis from 75.5-76 GHz, and on a secondary basis from 76-81 GHz. The primary allocation of 76-81 GHz is assigned to radiolocation, including radar. The commission says the change will permit development of Part 15 vehicle radar systems in the 76-77 GHz band that could be used in conjunction with Intelligent Transportation Systems. The FCC says that restricting amateur use of 76-77 GHz will prevent potential interference to these developing systems. The NPRM says the temporary restriction could be relaxed if it can be shown that other in-band transmissions would not compromise vehicle radar system safety or if sharing guidelines can be worked out. The FCC says it will revisit the issue within five years.

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Gran Canaria — Island Paradise!

by Tony Jones (G4IPR) and Rod Owen

My partner, Rod, and I were in Gran Canaria from 5th. to 19th. February and had a great time! The weather was good, with a little cloud some days, but on the whole it was very warm and sunny (average 75-80°F), with daylight from about 7:30 a.m. till 7:00

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Apologies Are In Order

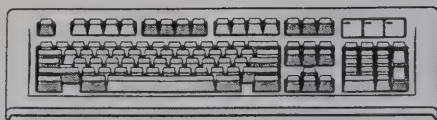
I owe all of you an apology for the delay in getting this combined February-March issue of the LNN to you. It hasn't been easy. As the saying goes, "when it rains, it pours," and it couldn't be truer for me at the present time.

The one hurdle that can't be avoided — getting software to work on upgraded hardware and software, especially when its all done at the same time. I don't recommend the approach, for me or anyone else. Now, things have settled down ... drivers work (apparently), hardware is functioning (finally), software upgrades have been installed (correctly) and the computer I use seems stable (luckily).

Add to that a grueling 12 hour day (lately) at the office, including three trade shows in the last month. I'm behind in finishing a screenplay that others are waiting for and have another waiting for me to tackle.

The one bright spot and sanctuary from all this hysteria is my lover, Joe. I only get to see him Friday nights, Saturday and Sunday due to his work and college class schedule, so my time with him is especially valuable to me.

I promise to get the LNN into your hands on a more timely basis. Hope to see you at Dayton!



The President's Keyboard

by Nick Altenbernd, KA1MQX

President, LARC

I received a letter a couple weeks ago from the ARRL. It comes from Richard Palm, K1CE, Field Services Manager. The first sentence: "It gives me great pleasure to advise you that the League's Executive Committee has approved your club's application for affiliation with the ARRL." And the last sentence: "We look forward to a long and fruitful relationship with your club." So do we.

We're League-official! Our ten-year negotiation to win the recognition of the ARRL, and to advertise in QST has borne fruit. Because we are a non-geographic club, we won't be holding a "Charter Party," as they suggest, but we will certainly keep our various League officials notified of our activities, as they request. And there will be some hand-shaking in Dayton this year.

I also got a QSL card yesterday from a ham in France. It comes from our Montserrat satellite DXpedition of nearly three years ago, and he wants the acknowledgment for his DXCC. That will be in the mail soon; but at this rate, we'll still be getting them when we're off to our next trip sometime in 1997. The new destination hasn't been decided yet, but Don WB6LYI is taking notes and ideas. If you're interested in a great trip with some fun operating at the *other* end of a pileup, let Don know about it.

Those folks in Anguilla keep coming up on our radar. Dorothea and Dave Mann have been picking up the pieces following their exceptionally nasty hurricane season, and several LARC members have contributed to the emergency fund that we established to help repair the island's radios. We have now received a major contribution from a group of Japanese hams who operated there recently. The money is being forwarded to Dave and Dorothea so they can keep the work on track, and keep Willie in cat chow (First things first).

After a dozen or more years in leadership positions in LARC, Jim Kelly KK3K has submitted his resignation as Treasurer. Jim was President for ten years, including most of the time that LARC was negotiating with the ARRL, and he, ably assisted by Don, drove the negotiations straight and narrow on the high road. With the substance of that event behind us, Jim was relieved to not run for office in December of 1994. Many of us were disappointed, since he almost *was* LARC for many of us. But he had done more than anyone, and more than could reasonably be expected of any one person, to nurture the club into the vital, visible, and well-established group that we are today. Nevertheless, he responded to us in need, and returned as Treasurer last year. He has kept the books in good order, made the Dayton arrangements for this year; and, once again, requested a respite from the stress of helping to govern the club. Jim keeps the nets running and the bird chirping. And his students at Temple have a formidable teacher and example of high integrity before them. We'll miss him in Executive Committee deliberations, but are glad he's still with us as an (extra)ordinary member.

Dayton approaches. I hope to see many of you there this year. Send in your reservations now, and check those cut-rate fares!

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At the same time, the FCC has also acted to balance any perceived harm to amateur operators as mandated under federal law. It proposes to upgrade amateur status in the 77.5-78 GHz band from secondary to co-primary with government and non-government radiolocation services. This, the FCC says, will ensure that amateur access to spectrum near 77 GHz is maintained without the threat of preemption by higher priority services.

No More Local Courts

A group of hams who say that they are fed up with lawyers using civil courts to litigate ham radio disputes are demanding that the FCC declare all such activities legally invalid. The Committee For Federal Preemption of Civil Ham Radio Litigation says that it wants the FCC to issue a declaratory ruling that bars states, cities and other municipalities from hearing cases that in any way involve ham radio communications.

The Albany, Georgia based group points to ham versus ham cases in California, Florida, Texas and New Jersey as the basis for its decision to act. It says that it will file a formal request to the FCC within the next week asking that the statement of federal preemption be issued.

The committee is also setting up a home page on the World Wide Web to accept what it calls, valid complaints against lawyers who advise hams to sue other hams in civil court. These they say will be referred as formal complaints to the bar associations of the states in which attorneys seeking these cases have their practice.

Attorney-ham Cites Ohio Arrest As Possible Warning

Speaking of hams who are lawyers, one who appears to be giving good advice is Ron Pretekin, AB8K, of Dayton, Ohio. In the wake of the December arrest of a Moraine, Ohio, CBer for causing TVI at his neighbor's apartment, Ron says that hams should take note of what such problems ultimately can lead to.

According to the new electronic edition of the ARRL Letter, Pretekin points to an article in the Dayton Daily News describing the circumstances under which the CBer, Steven Holbrook, wound up in jail on a third-degree felony charge. According to the report, Holbrook and the neighbor had feuded over the problem for several months. His arrest came after the neighbor tape-recorded Holbrook's CB chatter as it came over his TV. The newspaper said the conversation included profanity and threats against the neighbor.

As previously reported, if convicted, Holbrook faces a maximum \$5,000 fine and 10 years in jail.

RF Proof Clothing

Jim Sullivan, N7TCF, reports via the VHF Reflector that a company called ShieldWorks is selling rf-proof clothing, mainly the microwaves. Some of the claims may be borderline, but Jim says that apparently this company has provided such clothing to the military and radio industry.

Jim adds that you can find more information about ShieldWorks by taking to the word-wide-web adding that he is passing this information along because of what he calls the unfounded fear that

RF could seriously impact on the fun side of Amateur Radio.

MIR Ham Station Failure

If you are wondering about the lack of ham radio activity from the Russian Mir space station, Dr. Thomas Reiter DF4TR has some answers. Dr. Reiter is aboard the Mir orbital complex and says that the power supply used for some of the Amateur radio equipment on Mir has failed. An old power supply has been installed, but it is only capable of handling the old Icom transceiver and one TNC.

Dr. Reiter says that the Digital Voice Module has also failed. Because of this, there will be no more automatic voice recordings in the near future. And if that was not enough, all four fuses in the two connected transceivers blew, and only two spare fuses are left to run the remaining gear.

Surf-SAT Launched

An experimental satellite that has a lot of interest in it by radio amateurs is on the air from space. Its called Surfsat One.

A satellite payload designed and built by college students has been successfully launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, aboard a NASA launch vehicle. Now in orbit 746 miles above Earth, Surfsat-1 rode piggy-back on the upper stage launch vehicle for Radarsat, a Canadian satellite.

Surfsat carries low power radio transmitters which send in three microwave bands to NASA tracking stations. It will be used for deep space communication research and development, and also will be used to test a new set of Earth orbit tracking stations.

The student project was initiated at NASA's Jet Propulsion

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Laboratory in 1987 as part of the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship program of the California Institute of Technology.

While Surfsat is not a ham radio satellite it has drawn a lot of interest from radio amateurs because of the educational nature of the project.

South African Bulletin Service

From overseas, word that the South African Radio League invites all the worlds radio amateurs to listen to their ham radio bulletin program known as

Amateur Radio Mirror International. The 55 minute weekly program is filled with up to date ham radio news from the African continent along with interviews, technical features and lots of ham radio related talk.

Amateur Radio Mirror International is broadcast every Sunday at 10:00 hours and Monday at 2000 hours South Africa Standard Time on 7.205 MHz and on Mondays at 2000 hours South African Standard Time. It's also simulcast on Mondays at 20:00 hours on 3.215

MHz as well. These transmissions are sponsored by Sentech which is the common carrier group for broadcasting in South Africa along with support from South Africa Telecom which provides transmission lines for the service.

The San Francisco Chronicle reports that Microsoft's Bill Gates, who has almost \$13 billion, and Warren Buffett, who has close to \$11 billion, are said to be planning a trip together. The two may rent a train and travel the length and breadth of China. Must be nice.

WWW Ham Radio Sites

From Bob Nicolai, WØEKM:

If you guys are interested in Ham Radio sites you can find a BIG listing at ...
<http://www.acs.ncsu.edu:80/HamRadio/>

From Stuart, GØBEV:

Another site which I've found is pretty good is ...
<http://user.itl.net/~equinox/>

The server is also pretty fast (as viewed from over here) and the page has LOTS of links to many other sites and sources.

(If you know of others, send them to: LARC@net-quest.com and we'll list them here. --Ed.)

Somebody Wanted Humor?

Lyle Henry, K7OO

A pilot is flying his helicopter, loaded with very rich, very important clients taking an airborne tour of Washington State. After a few hours of breathtaking scenery, the pilot notifies the passengers that they are low on fuel and will have to return to the airstrip very soon.

Almost immediately, the helicopter runs into fog so thick that the passengers cannot even see out the windows. The pilot soon gets lost amidst the clouds

and begins to wander the skies, looking for his home airport.

After about ten minutes, the "low fuel" light begins to flash, worrying the tense passengers even more. The pilot, afraid of having to ditch his only helicopter, searches the plain whiteness even harder for any sign of his airport. Suddenly ... he sees a skyscraper looming in the mist.

He hovers the helicopter outside one of the skyscraper's windows. Rolling down his window, he asks an office worker, "Where am I?"

to which the worker replies, "You are in a helicopter."

The pilot smiles, banks left, and drops down in the middle of Seattle Airport just as his helicopter runs out of fuel.

"How did you do it?" asks his co-pilot.

"Simple. The answer provided by the office worker was entirely correct, but totally useless ... so I knew I was at the Microsoft Tech Support Office. From there, finding the airport is easy!"

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p.m. Quite different from the UK and the rest of Europe during those two weeks! It was our first stay at an exclusively gay complex. Vista Bonita is a small, self-catering complex with 20 villas (for up to three people) and two penthouses. It is located in Sonnenland, a small, quiet, out-of-town resort area between Playa del Ingles and Maspalomas. The accomodation was good and the staff very friendly and helpful. The atmosphere was very relaxed and everyone was very friendly, much more so than in other places we've stayed. The age range was quite wide, which was nice, and people of all ages mixed together (something which often doesn't happen in gay venues at home in the UK.) The small number of people also made things more friendly. The clientele was mainly British which prevented the friction which can result when there is a mixture of nationalities, particularly when languages differ. The lack of noisy children was a further plus!

We had our concerns about going to an exclusively gay complex but we're glad we did. We can completely dispel any images of everyone staying out all night at clubs and bars. While that was true of some of the guests it certainly wasn't universal (in fact probably less so than in some mixed complexes!) After 10-11 p.m. the complex was quiet, and those coming back in the early hours were quiet on the whole. By 11 p.m. those that wanted to go to the 'Yumba Centre' in Playa del Ingles had done so and those that didn't were able to sit on their patios and chat or retire or whatever. The 'Yumbo Centre' is a large shopping complex by day

and mainly a collection of gay bars by night, although it still seems to attract a mixed crowd. The Canarians (many of whom don't like to be referred to as 'Spanish') have a very relaxed attitude on the whole, as did (surprisingly) many of the tourists! We visited the bars a couple of times and found them friendly (if not, as expected, a little noisy). We enjoyed the bars we visited, but spent most of our evenings at Bonita Vista.

We did plenty of travelling around Gran Canaria and found it very interesting. Two of our Hungarian friends arrived four days after us and hired a car. Prior to their arrival we spent most of our time around the pool, and afterwards we mixed this with some excursions. We travelled to the capital, Las Palmas, several times and also visited the museums there, one of which is devoted to Columbus who made the island a staging post for his expeditions to the 'New World.' We also visited various other resort towns around the south coast, and went inland, taking the mountain roads through the centre of the island from where we were on the southern tip, to Las Palmas in the north. The roads were in good condition, although the sheer drops and sharp turns were more than a little worrying in places! The scenery on this once volcanic island was breathtaking, resembling the U.S. Grand Canyon in places. We were luck however to have seen the island in an unusual condition. Freak storms in the two weeks before we arrived had resulted in rainfall exceeding that in the previous five years! Consequently the island was a

mass of green where it is usually quite 'desert-like'.

We can't make any comparisons with Tenerife, the other large island in the Canaries, since we haven't been there. We guess the out of town terrain is similar to that of Gran Canaria, but we're told that Tenerife is much more developed, with many tourist resorts. Gran Canaria does not appear to have been over developed however and certainly retains a lot of its rugged terrain and village life.

Driving out one day we noticed what we thought was simply a communications facility near Maspalomas, not far from where we were staying. Later checking on the maps showed this to be a NASA tracking station which was a surprise. Perhaps on our next visit we'll have a closer look. We'll definitely be going back as soon as we can!

Stuart, GØBEV, adds ...

The Canaries are a very popular winter holiday resort and bear a relationship to Europe probably very much as do Florida and parts of the Carribean to the U.S. if not quite on the same scale. The chain of islands was formed through a plate tectonic process in which a plate passed over a 'hot spot' in the Earth's crust. Periodic eruptions created a chain of islands whose ages span a good many million years. Though all have in varying degrees a volcanic character and landscape to match (NASA trained some astronauts on Lanzarote prior to lunar landings) there is a very varied range of landscapes. As they are in the Trade Wind belt, the northward faces of the islands are wetter and a lot greener, supporting quite a range of agriculture. The islands

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are possibly best known for their tomato exports, but a lot of bananas are grown (a smaller variety that is largely for local consumption, though also sold in Spain) and there are vineyards on Tenerife which produce modest quantities of wine.

The southern regions of most islands are most popular for tourism on account of their sunshine which is more or less guaranteed for most of the year. Winters are pretty mild, day temperatures seldom go much below 20°C and the summers are quite hot, though the climate is greatly buffered by the expanse of Atlantic Ocean which surrounds them. Gran Canaria and Tenerife are the most developed for tourism,

Lanzarote (which has a good deal less in the way of resources) is quieter, and La Gomera (by far the greenest of the islands) has positively set its face against tourism, refusing even to have an

airport - it is reached only by ferry from Tenerife.

I've spent both summer and winter holidays in both Gran Canaria and Tenerife and it's not hard to see why they are popular. Neither island is overly developed, and most tourism there tends to be concentrated in relatively small areas on the south of each island (though Santa Cruz in northern Tenerife has long been popular.) Both Las Palmas in Gran Canaria and Puerto de la Cruz in Tenerife are quite large cities (and ports) in their own right, as well as regular stopping off points on cruises.

As Tony says, the scenery on both islands is very dramatic in places, and if one uses a car, the roads definitely require one's full and undivided attention! On Tenerife, particularly worth visiting is the summit of Mt. Teide. This is the highest mountain in Spain (the Canaries are Spanish territory) at around 12,000 ft and the views are stunning. It's also very slightly

volcanically active, the last eruption being about 70 years ago, and the smell of both sulphur dioxide and hydrogen sulphide is very evident near the summit! It's also extremely cold up there, even at the height of summer, something some tourists, accustomed to the balmy beaches, are apt to forget.

For the gay visitor, Gran Canaria is much the more popular, though there are some gay establishments in Tenerife, they don't have the same profile as are found in Gran Canaria, and I don't know of any large gay residential developments such as exist around Maspalomas in Gran Canaria. Playa las Americas in Tenerife has some gay bars and clubs, and there is some gay activity at Puerto de la Cruz, but not on the same scale as Playa del Ingles. But if you want sun, sand and ... well, it's all there in the Canaries, all the year round, and like Tony and Rod, we're looking forward to our next time there too!

New LARC Internet Address: LARC@net-quest.com

Please note that LARC's Internet address has changed! We've been using "aliases" on several America Online accounts. Now, we'll have our own address to handle all of the club's online membership inquiries, general E-Mail and submissions to the LNN.

Membership inquiries via America Online have been

cumbersome to retrieve, respond to and manage. With an Internet account and Eudora Pro software, it's a much-improved process.

Our World Wide Web site that Jim Kelly (KK3K) provides and the one that Stuart Hill (GØBEV) has arranged for in the UK continue to produce inquiries that are followed up on regularly.

At some point in the future, a duplicate WWW site will be established at NetQuest for back-up.

Having a true Internet address makes LARC accessible to virtually anyone with an online account, no matter where they are or what service they currently use. Let us hear from you!

Dayton Hamvention Dates

May 17-19, 1996 • May 16-18, 1997 • May 15-17, 1998

Is This You?

You may know someone like this ... maybe yourself.

YOU KNOW you're too involved with Amateur Radio when:

1. You quit your job, divorce your wife, relinquish all custody rights to the kids, sell the house, and with your half of the money put up a tower on a hill and live in a tent so that you can get the highest score ever on some contest before they come and cart you away.

2. Your child's first word is .— .-— .-.. and not mama.

3. Mother Theresa isn't so great — she can't even do 5 WPM.

4. By a conservative estimate, 95% of your electric bill is from running your radios.

5. You complain that you live in a restrictive covenant neighborhood — your plans for a 4,000 ft tower to replace your current 600 ft one were rejected.

6. The people in the Burn Unit learned everything they know about treating RF burns from treating you the last 4 times.

7. Your aluminum Christmas tree doubles as an indoor antenna.

8. You have this month's amateur callbook memorized.

9. You don't order any radio gear for 2 days and YEASU, ICOM, and KENWOOD all send you get-well cards.

10. You've ever wondered if there were amateur privileges in the Star Trek subspace bands.

11. You have special arrangements to have your QST, CQ, 73, Worldradio, Communications Quarterly, and Deutsches RadioFunkMagazin all FedExed to your house with same-day service.

12. You've almost strangled 3 times from all the mic cords.

13. You know every score and callsign for every entrant in ever contest for the last 10 years.

14. You're Canadian and voted to split your country on the basis that it would add another country to the DX list.

15. Given a choice between being violently physically violated and seeing the code speed for the Extra Class dropped, you have to stop and think.

16. You wonder if the Professor on "Gilligan's Island" had a QSL manager.

17. You yell at a Ham making a distress call on a sinking ship to get off the frequency because he's QRMing a rare DX station.

18. The speed dial buttons on your telephone all have Ham Radio Shows plugged into them.

19. In church or synagogue or mosque, you wonder what mode prayer is.

20. You identify every 10 minutes when using your handheld phone.

21. You use a magnet to turn off your implanted pacemaker/automatic defibrillator when you're on the radio to cut down on interference.

22. You know your grid square out to 16 characters.

23. You were thrown out of the astronaut program for loading up the Space Shuttle on 160 meter to see how well it would work.

24. You wonder why Dateline NBC hasn't covered the Code/NoCode Debate.

25. You sign with your callsign after leaving a message on a fellow Ham's answering machine.

26. You get all these jokes.

Reminders

Dayton Hamvention

Dayton is almost here. If your room reservation isn't in by now, there may not be space available.

1997 DXpedition

We're gearing up to make another foray into the world of DXing with our 1997 DXpedition. This trip promises to once again put LARC in the record books. If all goes well, the new PD3 bird will be up and operating. It's possible that we could be the first DXpedition to work it. Don't miss this trip.

Rates are expected to be reasonable and LARC will book all of the arrangements, including airfare. As before, a convenient monthly payment plan will be set-up so you can easily pay for the trip over the next year. What could be easier? Isn't it time others were reading about the rare DX you worked ... instead of the other way around?

If you're interested in making the trip, call Don Bledsoe at (310) 494-1223, FAX (310) 494-6765, or send an E-Mail: dbledsoe@net-quest.com

Get that suntan lotion dusted off! Next year will be here before you know it.

DX in the Tropics: VP2E Hamcation

UPDATE! Caribbean Island Apartment for Hamcation Rental in Anguilla, BWI

Location: The apartment is located above Little Harbour on the side of South Hill. It is in the lower part of a private home (Dave and Dorothea's). The apartment has its own porch, two captain's beds, a desk operating position for ham radio, a kitchenette with mini-fridge, stove, sink, microwave, full bathroom with shower and closets. There are ceiling fans, built-in bookcase with books, a clock radio, dishes, and cooking/eating utensils. Maid service is provided.

Rates: The rates are US\$90 per day plus 8% government tax (total US\$97.20 per day) for up to two people.

Deposit: 25% of total bill. If you cancel at least 30-days prior to your scheduled visit, we will refund your deposit in full.

Payment: Cash or check. We are unable to accept credit cards.

Rental Cars: We can arrange for you. Cost is US\$35 per day, depending on season. The car rental agency takes credit cards and needs to see your U.S. driving license when you pick up the car. They will give you a temporary Anguillian driver's license, which costs US\$6. Driving is on the left side, but it is not difficult to get used to as there is not much traffic in Anguilla.

Getting Here: The easiest way is through San Juan, Puerto Rico. American Airlines runs American Eagle service from San Juan direct to Anguilla and takes about 55 minutes. There are two flights a day, one in the morning and the other at night. Flights leaving Anguilla are in the morning and in the afternoon.

Ham License: A VP2E license costs US\$39.06 at this time for a stroke callsign (VP2E/yourcall). A regular VP2E callsign costs double, but only needs to be held by one in a group. We can arrange it or take you to the license office so you can do it yourself. There is only one license class here, which gives all emission and frequency privileges. License fees are scheduled to rise in January 1995 to US\$46.50 (cash payment) or US\$48.36 paid by cheque).

Equipment: Bring your own rig or rent one from us. The ham position is equipped with an RM35A Astron 35 amp power supply with meters and a banana-jack power strip. We supply an antenna tuner, dummy load, antenna switches, ICE bandpass filters on all bands, a 2-meter voice and packet radio, and a packet TNC. Antennas include: Mosley Pro54 (10, 12, 15, 17, & 20 meters) yagi, Cushcraft CD40 (2 element, 40 meter) yagi, Optimized 4-element 6 meter yagi, Cushcraft R7 vertical (10-40 meters), and an 80-160 meter Windom wire antenna. Electrical supply is 120-volts AC, 60 Hz. The rental rig is an Icom IC-735 with optional CW filters and CW keyer and rents for \$25 per day.

Contact: A complete packet of information including photos is available from LARC members Dorothea (VP2EE) or Dave (VP2EHF) Mann, P.O. Box 599, Anguilla, British West Indies. Phone: (809) 497-2150, FAX: (809) 497-3557, or E-Mail: 74227.3127@compuserve.com

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Dayton Hamvention 1996 Room Reservation

Complete and return your reservation by **March 15, 1996** to:

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1. Please reserve _____ (number of people in your party) spots for me / us for Hamvention at the LARC Headquarters hotel. LARC Hamvention accommodations will be at the **Ramada Inn North, 4079 Little York Road, Dayton, OH 45414, (513) 890-9500.** (Rooms with three (3) persons per room should cost approximately \$98.00 per night.) The hotel is conveniently located just off Exit 60 & I-75 — close to airport, restaurants and Hamvention. Rooms are for LARC members **ONLY** on a first come, first served basis. Membership must be current to reserve a LARC room — NO EXCEPTIONS.

Room rate is \$94 per night plus tax, double occupancy. **THREE NIGHT MINIMUM STAY IS REQUIRED FOR ALL ROOMS ... Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights ONLY.**

NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT REQUIRED is \$50.00/person.

Make all checks payable to: Lambda Amateur Radio Club

2. Your reservation is for Thursday night (May 16) through Saturday night (May 18).

3. I wish to share a room with the following LARC members if possible:

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4. If possible, put me in a room with ...

Check one: ☐ Smoker ☐ Non-Smoker ☐ Doesn't Matter

5. The LARC Annual Banquet will be held on Saturday, May 18. This is an informal dinner gathering for the group attending the Dayton Hamvention. Please indicate below your plans:

Check one: ☐ YES ..I plan to attend the LARC dinner
☐ NO ..I will **NOT** be attending the LARC dinner

NOTE: We will do our best to secure room reservations for all members who send in their reservations and deposits on time. We will also do our best to honor all requests for specific roommate assignments. However, we cannot guarantee either room space or guarantee particular assignments to anyone.

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LARC Hamvention '96 Reservations Update

The Dayton Hamvention will be held during the weekend of May 17th, 18th and 19th, 1996. LARC has reserved a block of rooms at our new headquarters hotel, the Ramada Inn North, located at 4079 Little York Road, just off Interstate 75. Included with last month's issue of the LNN was your LARC Hamvention reservations form. If you need another send your request to LambdaClub@aol.com or to the club POB. Room space is limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, so please get your deposits and reservations in early. NOTE: there is a three night minimum stay requirement. Also, unless you advise us otherwise, we will assign members two to a room. If you wish to share a room with two other members — total three in a room — to reduce costs this is possible but it is up to you to make these arrangements independently, i.e., arrange this in advance with your roommates, and advise LARC at POB 24810, Philadelphia, PA 19130-2405 or by email to LambdaClub@aol.com. The Hamvention has established an Internet Home Page: <http://users.aol.com/hamvention>

Weekly LARC HF NET Needs Your Participation

LARC sponsors a weekly HF sked on Sundays at 4 PM EST, 3 PM CST, 2 PM RMST, 1 PM PST. The frequency is 14.340 +/- QRM, which means that check-ins will need to listen from about 14.338 up to about 14.445 Mhz. County hunters operate at 14.335 so the LARC net will have to meet above this net activity. Anchor stations are needed to help establish the weekly LARC net.

LARC Member Enjoys Vintage Radios

by Mike Barnes (KE9KK)

I enjoy working with "classic" radios, and just last evening got my latest acquisition on the air: a Johnson Viking Ranger transmitter and an NC-88 receiver combo. I had a nice ragchew with a couple of old-timers on AM, and was pleased

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Hurricane Fund a Resounding Success

Donations to the VP3EE / VP2EHF Hurricane Fund have been more than could be expected — but that's typical of hams, isn't it?

The money is being put to good use purchasing urgently-needed items to restore radio and home operation back to something resembling normal.

Donations will continue to be accepted — just make your check payable to LARC and note on it "VP2EE/VP2EHF Hurricane Fund" and mail it to the club post office box on page 2.

LARC Online

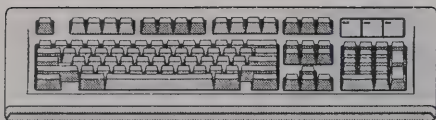
Most LARC members now subscribe to some sort of online service, and nearly all have access to the Internet, so it's easy to participate in the latest discussions on LARC's E-Mail reflector, larc@seta.fi. Here's how you do it.

Simply address an E-Mail message to larc@seta.fi and compose the text of your message. Then, send it, and it will automatically be re-transmitted to all online LARC members.

If it doesn't, perhaps we don't know your online E-Mail address, or perhaps it's changed recently.

We're preparing to publish the Online Roster again, but we're unsure of everyone's E-Mail address. For insurance, address a message containing ONLY the following information: your full name, call, and E-Mail address — but no other text. If there's something you want us to know, like a correction for the newsletter database, an address change, or other information, *please send it in a separate message*. The text of your message should look like this:

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President's Keyboard

by Nick Altenbernd, KA1MQX
President, LARC

Our email reflector came up with a request for snowstorm stories recently, and some people even posted their snowstorm stories. Some people have weird senses of humor. My snowstorm story is that I'm sick of it. Two winters ago, we had the record snowfall in Massachusetts. I thought we'd earned a few winters off. Sure enough, last winter we had almost no snow. But this year we're liable to set another record. Global warming can't happen soon enough for me. Maybe now that they've given a Nobel Prize for it, it'll really happen.

Dayton at the end of April is usually my first whiff of real spring. Now that it's mid-May, we'll have seen spring here, and it will be the first intimation of summer. And I'm looking forward to it, as always. It's a chance to see old friends, some of whom I only see once a year or less, and to meet new friends who have been a voice on the net, a text on the screen, or just an address on the roster. It's also a chance to revisit the Dayton Art Institute and the Air Force Museum — and this year I may finally get over to Yellow Springs, 15 miles to the east, where I was born. Plan on Dayton if you can. The crowds are fun, the flea market holds fathomless treasures, and the latest toys are there for hands-on inspection — a treat you can't find almost anywhere else. We have rooms in a new motel, closer to the Hara Arena with bus service as always, and near several of Dayton's apparently endless supply of high-feed low-tax restaurants. Send in your reservations now.

The MIT Radio Society, my local club, is still in the process of installing the Dayton Grand Prize beam from two years ago. Even the extra-heavy-duty rotor from our previous beam wasn't robust enough to support it, so we've been backed up by special ordering rotor, thrust bearing, mounting plate, and a couple of other widgets. If the snow piles up high enough — 30 meters or so — we can hike up to the crow's nest to install it all. Meanwhile, the 160M dipole continues to shout — and to hear every one of several thousand computers within a half-mile radius.

The Executive Committee is about to begin a discussion of long-range plans for LARC, including a set of operating principles for discussion of topics within the EC. We are also considering some sort of "netiquette" guide, for use of our email reflector. Please forward any ideas you have that may be useful to us. I'll keep you posted on any revelations that we have.

I've been to the movies again, and here are some you might like, too. About a year ago the Dutch movie "For a Lost Soldier" passed through town. The storyline sounded interesting, especially because it is based on an autobiographical novel. I missed it then, but the video is out now. The main story (told as a flashback from about 1985) is about a Dutch boy and a Canadian soldier who meet in 1945 during the liberation of Europe. They share a brief friendship and romance, but lose track of each other when the soldier's detachment moves on. It's beautifully photographed, and one of the most moving — and most chaste — friendship movies you might ever see. And Othello is playing the big screens now. This movie captures the greatest part of Shakespeare's deadly tragedy of betrayal and uncomplicated evil. And you'd think the camerawork was done by Vermeer. See it.

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Membership Roster

Membership rosters are published several times each year. This summarized roster lists basic member information. If you'd like to receive an in-depth listing, just send a 9" x 12" self-addressed envelope with \$1.90 postage affixed and a custom printed roster will be on its way to you. This way, you can have an updated roster.

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everything works as planned. In addition to this station, I run a Johnson Viking Valiant II/NC300 and a Central Electronics 200V/NC303 (my favorite station!). When we connect up on the air, I will most likely be on the 200V.

Just Say No To Internet Censorship!

by Stuart Hill (G0BEV), LARC UK/EU

(Editor's note: At press time the Telecommunications Bill containing the Telecommunications Decency Act and its chilling provisions which would drastically affect all online services and users is set for passage by the U.S. Congress, and the President has indicated that he will sign it. But it's still appropriate to call or write your senator or representative to oppose this legislation.)

I don't know if it will do any good, but I have sent my own penny worth to each of the U.S. Congress members that I can reach by e-mail. A copy of the text is below — I don't know if it's strong enough or maybe too much so, as it's hard to know where the line should be drawn, but it'll be interesting to see if I even get any replies. This is a very serious matter though, the implications go far and wide and stretch far into the future; I doubt if this will be anywhere near the last we have heard on the subject, even though the present wave is much bound up with contemporary politics. The issue of censorship is not new, and this is merely a modern guise of an old, old problem which is not going to go away. We haven't experienced as yet a great deal in the way of practical measures over here though debate goes on.

Maybe people in Europe are waiting to see what happens in the US, for much hangs on it. Even if this present law does get through, I can't believe this will be the last word on the subject for there are far too many interests that

hang on it for it to go away. So we will have to wait and see, but let's hope this helps: "SENATOR, Congress is shortly to debate the proposed "Communications Decency Act" which is currently passing through your legislative system. As a great country with a long and honourable tradition of freedom of speech enshrined within your Constitution, this measure is not worthy to be considered let alone accepted by your Legislature. I speak as a practicing scientist, to whom free and open access through the global networks of electronic communication is vital, that this small, and small-minded measure, will do incalculable harm to that growing freedom to communicate through all the media of arts and sciences, wherever and with whomsoever we may choose. By imposing unnecessary and unreasonable conditions and restrictions upon all service providers, reducing them to the lowest possible common level, immense both short and long term damage will be inflicted upon the global system, of which the United States is a pivotal part. Viewed from afar, it is perfectly clear to me that this is no more than a thinly disguised measure, devised by a misguided minority borne out of misplaced insecurity, to inflict its views and opinions on a majority which does not share its views. If need exists to protect the young and immature from exposure to material which some may consider unsuitable, then the responsibility for so doing surely lies firmly with those responsible for their care, namely the parents and guardians. The means so to do adequately already exist and there is no need whatsoever to impose additional censorship. I call upon you most emphatically, to roundly condemn and forthrightly reject this unfortunate and misguided measure. Signed: Dr. STUART HILL."

ARRL Election Results

(Source: Amateur Radio Newslines)

The 1995 fall ARRL elections are over and the winners all appear to be incumbents. There were only four contested races, with only one that can be called a squeaker. This was in the Midwest Division where Director Lew Gordon, K4VX triumphed over challenger Roger Volk (K0GOB) by only 51 votes. In all other contests the incumbents won by wide margins. All those re-elected will begin their next two year terms of office beginning at noon January 1, 1996.

Form 610-V Available

(Source: Amateur Radio Newslines)

A form many amateur radio operators have been anxiously awaiting, Form 610V is now available. 610V is the application for Vanity call signs. In response to requests by radio amateurs, the American Radio Relay League has mailed 9,000 copies of the form.

If you requested one from the League and don't receive it by December 16th, call area code (860) 594-0300. There is one big catch to the new form's availability. While you can obtain a copy, you still can't turn it in, that's because the FCC is not yet accepting 610Vs for filing. The Commission is expected to announce opening dates for the first vanity call sign filing gate in early 1996. You can obtain FCC Form 610V, along with FCC vanity call sign information fact sheet PR-9000 number 206V by writing to the ARRL. The League's address is 225 Main Street, Newington, Connecticut 06111. Be sure to include a self addressed stamped envelope. You can also obtain Form 610V from the Internet at <http://www.FCC.gov/forms/form610V>. The Commission's Forms Distribution center will accept orders in about a month, you can call the center at 1 800 418-3676.

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Microphone Inventor Dead

(Source: Amateur Radio Newslite)

The inventor of the modern microphone has died. Sidney N. Shure founded the Shure Radio Company in Chicago back in 1925 as a parts supplier for early radio experimenters. The first microphone produced by Shure was a twin-button carbon unit in 1932. Five years later, Shure developed the first modern noise canceling microphone followed a year later by the first magnetic based microphone. By 1939, Shure had invented and patented the Unidyne which was the world's first single element directional mike. The company became Shure Brothers Inc. in 1928. When the government needed huge quantities of high reliability shock proof microphones during World War II, it turned to Shure as one of its primary suppliers. Responding to the need, Sidney Shure recruited and trained hundreds of new employees in a program he called "Microphones are weapons of war." After the conflict ended, the government commended the company and Mr. Shure with three joint Army-Navy awards for excellence in service to the nation. After the war, Sidney Shure continued building all of the company products to strict military specifications. This includes the microphones used by ham radio operators over the years. Sidney Shure died in Evanston, Illinois October 17th at the age of 93. He's survived by his wife Rose and two children.

FCC Book On The Internet

(Source: Amateur Radio Newslite)

The FCC Interference Handbook now is available on the Internet. The 22 page booklet, available from the Compliance

and Information Bureau via the FCC World Wide Web home page, includes the same information and illustrations contained in the recently published Interference to Home Electronic Entertainment Equipment Handbook. It includes information about equipment installation, identifying interference sources, curing interference problems, and filters. You'll also find a list of home electronic equipment manufacturers and telephone numbers. Pictures illustrate different TV interference problems, including ham or CB transmitter interference.

Massachusetts Antenna Law

(Source: Amateur Radio Newslite)

Massachusetts now has a PRB-1-like law of its own. It's literally a Thanksgiving present to the hams of the state. Phil Temples, K9HI reports that on November 24th the governor signed into law legislature bill H-2782 which is now Chapter 225 of the Acts of 1995. The text of the new law is simple and unambiguous. It reads in part as follows: — quote — "No zoning ordinance or by-law shall prohibit the construction or use of an antenna structure by a federally licensed amateur radio operator. Zoning ordinances and by-laws may reasonably regulate the location and height of such antenna structures for the purposes of health, safety, or aesthetics; provided, however, that such ordinances and by-laws reasonably allow for sufficient height of such antenna structures. This so as to effectively accommodate amateur radio communications by federally licensed amateur radio operators and constitute the minimum practicable regulation necessary to accomplish the legitimate purposes of the city or town enacting

such ordinance or by-law." — end quote.

The law goes on to say that nothing in the act shall be construed as limiting the authority of any architectural or historic district commission established pursuant to any general or specific law. Temples says that he has praise for the efforts of State Government Liaison, Shawn O'Donnell (K3HI) as well as the work by Western Massachusetts Section Manager Dan Senie (N1JEB) who spearheaded the new law. Also included in this are the countless amateurs in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts who wrote letters and made phone calls to their congressmen and women, and to the Governor's office in support of the bill.

The Visible Mir

(Source: Amateur Radio Newslite)

According to Dave Mullenix (N9LTD) of Easy Sats, something will soon be on the horizon for all ham radio space buffs. Actually, it will be directly over head! Dave says that it's the Russian Mir space station and it will be making visible evening passes over the United States during the Christmas Holidays. These should begin around the middle of December and continue through early January. N9LTD says that the easiest way to find Mir is by using satellite tracking software to see when and where to look for your location. One caution though. Mir is due to reboost its orbit any day now. That means they'll be firing their rockets to raise their orbit a bit. It usually takes several days for the orbital elements to catch up when this happens. Hopefully everything will get sorted out well before the holidays begin.

Dayton Hamvention Dates

May 17-19, 1996 • May 16-18, 1997 • May 15-17, 1998

KK3K's Uplink

by Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

Did you get your Dayton Hamvention brochure in the mail in December? I was surprised by how big it is now. It's actually a booklet. It seems to grow bigger each year, as does the Hamvention itself. I sent in my order for an admission ticket at about the same time I sent a letter to Hamvention headquarters asking them to be sure to put a notice in the upcoming Hamvention flyer and in the official Hamvention program about LARC's usual gathering and dinner which will be held in Dayton during the Hamvention weekend. While the Hamvention is two weeks later now, it'll be upon us before we know it. I'm hoping that the later date will mean better and warmer WX, but we'll have to see.

I also posted a notice about LARC's public service activities to the Internet news group rec.radio.amateur.misc in December. Some of you may have seen it and some of the reaction to it. As usual, some of the bigots chimed-in with the usual homophobic, sex-negative nonsense, but each time the LARC issue arises there are hams who counter the bigots with thoughtful, reasoned responses. Eventually, we'll wear down the bigots with the help of decent hams. Part of LARC's mission is to counteract homophobia within the hobby, so the bigots will be seeing more and more reports of LARC's activities. They'd better get over it and get used to us because we're here to stay!

That reminds me that one of the things that I am proudest of relative to LARC is that LARC does stand for principles ... gay pride, friendship, and responsibility to our community. These are tough times for gayfolk and we're under fire from bigots and fanatics of all stripes who want to deny us our civil and human rights. The issues of pride and responsibility were what was really at stake during the past year when some individuals tried to strip the club of its historic mission to make a difference for gays and lesbians and for our community as a whole. I'm glad that, with the support of loyal, responsible members, we were able to weather the storm and we can continue our good work. LARC's leaders have never required the rank and file to personally put themselves on the line and fight any battles. All they ever asked for is the support of the membership while the club was doing important, meaningful public service work on behalf of our own kind. In particular, LARC has worked so that the younger generation behind us can inherit a better, more gay-friendly world. We have an obligation to our gay and lesbian young people - all of us do! This is so critically important and that's the main reason why I'm so glad that last year's internal problems are behind us now. Today LARC has a strong core of unselfish, dedicated, responsible members who recognize and support the important work that LARC is doing.

Balance Sheet

As of 12/24/95

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GB2RS News

from Stuart Hill, GØBEV

(This is an edited version of the first part of the "GB2RS News Review of the Year", prepared by GB2RS newsreader Vic Kusin, GM4HCO)

In January 1995, Ron Broadbent, G3AAJ, was awarded an MBE in the New Year Honours list, in recognition of his services to amateur radio. Ron is secretary of the amateur satellite organisation AMSAT-UK and editor of the monthly magazine OSCAR News.

1995 was the centenary of the first practical demonstration of radio by Guglielmo Marconi and a number of events were held throughout the year to commemorate this. A new permanent special event station GB2GMM, which stands for Guglielmo Marconi Memorial, became active. Operated by members of the West Wight Radio Society, the station is located in Alum Bay on the Isle of Wight, on the actual site used by Marconi. The West Wight Radio Society has been awarded a grant of over 2,000 by the Isle of Wight Community Council to help towards the establishment of a museum on the site of the world's first permanent wireless station.

The 23rd of February marked an important anniversary in the world of radio. It was on that day in 1895 that Guglielmo Marconi in Italy successfully transmitted for the first time. A new beacon marking the centenary and using the callsign IIM is now transmitting on 21.151 MHz.

The British Geological Survey in Nottingham and the Merseyside Maritime Museum in Liverpool were hosts to

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special event stations GB0JAS, GB2JAS and GB6JAS, which were part of the JASON project "Expedition Island Earth", an annual scientific expedition of scientists and students. NASA technology was used to look back at Earth from space and daily satellite broadcasts brought the project live to centres in the USA, Canada and the UK, where schools, colleges and the public were able to see science in action. The special event stations set up skeds with research vessels, remote research stations and other JASON project participants.

The International Marconi Day takes place each year on the Saturday nearest Marconi's birthday. Held this year on the 22nd of April was the 8th I.M.D. and by far the biggest yet. Over 40 special event stations took part from locations around the world, with 12 of them in the UK. The RSGB headquarters station was using the callsign GB100IMD for the first time and made 850 contacts, many with other Marconi Day stations.

Over the weekend of the 6th and 7th of May, over fifty British special event stations commemorated VE day — the end of the Second World War. The special prefix "GR" was issued in remembrance of all those who lost their lives and to commemorate the start of peace. A million people attended the show over the three days.

The 16th of May was St Brendan's day, named after the 5th century Irish explorer who travelled widely in the North Atlantic region. The Brendan Trophies are a pair of Waterford Crystal vases which will be awarded by the Irish Radio Transmitters Society to the first stations to establish two-way radio communication across the Atlantic on the 2 metre band. The rules of this intriguing "2 metre

Transatlantic Challenge" were published in the June 1995 edition of RadCom.

The RSGB DX News Sheet is a weekly publication which provides the most up-to-date news about DX stations, Islands On The Air operations and contest news. In June this year Chris Page, G4BUE, took over as the new editor of the DX News Sheet and inaugurated the new monthly DX News Magazine. Contributions to both publications should be sent to Chris, whose address is correct in the RSGB Call Book.

On Friday the 2nd of June an excellent sporadic E opening took place, with double hop Es propagation to Israel and the Cape Verde Islands. G4FVP in County Durham reported that the opening started quietly with an aurora on the afternoon of the 1st, but 50 MHz recovered by mid-evening with intense sporadic E, and the Crete beacon was still being heard after midnight. On the 2nd, GM0CLN in East Lothian [Scotland — Ed.] found the 2 metre band open to Italy from 1507 to 1545 hours. Sporadic E tends to be more intense during sunspot minimum years, due to the higher levels of electron fluence that take place at this time.

The end of June saw a major tropospheric opening, affecting all bands from VHF to microwave. G4NVD had a contact with DG0BBL on 2 metres over a distance of 557 kilometres, running less than 200 milliwatts on FM. G4FVP in County Durham [Located in the North of England — Ed.] experienced a sporadic E opening into the Mediterranean and several GM stations worked into the Netherlands on 2.3 GHz. On the 29th of June, G4DDK in Ipswich worked PA0EZ on 24 GHz. The distance was 268 kilometres, with G4DDK running 125 milliwatts and PA0EZ only 80 milliwatts. This was a new UK record for the 24 GHz band.

More GB2RS News

from Stuart Hill, GØBEV

(This is an edited version of the second and concluding part of the "GB2RS News Review of the Year", which has been prepared by GB2RS newsreader Vic Kusin, GM4HCO)

At the beginning of July, GJ4ICD observed spectacular Sporadic E conditions on the 50 MHz band, with over twelve hours of propagation to the USA and extending as far as Venezuela to the south and Greenland to the north. These followed a regular pattern for several days, with openings between 1200 and 1400 hours, followed by evening openings from around 1700 until midnight. The mechanism for multihop Sporadic E still remains a mystery, but the regularity of these openings suggests that conditions can prevail for many days with distances of 9,000 kilometres being worked.

The very special callsign M100G was aired from the 25th of August until the 21st of September to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Guglielmo Marconi's invention of radio. This was only the second time that the Radiocommunications Agency had authorised the use of an "M" prefix callsign for amateur stations.

More tropospheric openings took place in August, affecting the VHF and UHF bands, due to an anti-cyclone centred over the UK. GM0CLN at Port Seton in East Lothian [Scotland -Ed.] took advantage of this to work 7S6AG, a special event station at the World Athletics Championships in Sweden.

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More GB2RS News

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After reading the GB2RS news, G4NVD in Grimsby received reception reports from Denmark, Belgium and the Netherlands and later made contact with SM7URN at a distance of 980 kilometres while using less than half a watt of SSB on 2 metres. Another newsreader, G4NZQ in Norwich, spent almost an hour after the news taking calls from Germany, with stations near Hamburg reporting solid copy. [Grimsby & Norwich are on or near the east coast -Ed]

The Institute of Electrical Engineers hosted an International Conference on 100 Years of Radio at Savoy Place in London at the beginning of September. The opening of this three-day event was graced by the presence of Princess Elettra Marconi. Several hundred leading personnel from the electronics field gathered for this unique conference, which included a series of 30 papers on the present state of the art, including some related to amateur radio.

The Radiocommunications Agency announced that from April 1996, new UK amateur callsigns will be issued with the "M" prefix instead of the "G" currently used, starting with M0 for class A and M1 for class B licensees. The change will take place even if some of the "G" calls remain unused. Holders of existing "G" prefix callsigns and Novice callsigns will not be affected by this change.

One of the RSGB's most prestigious events of the year, the International HF Convention, was once again held at the Beaumont Conference Centre at Old Windsor in Berkshire at the beginning of September. Many overseas visitors attended and it was a great opportunity for all HF operators to meet the face behind the voice. The proceedings started with a reception for overseas guests on the Friday evening, but for most of those attending, the highlight of the weekend was the series of excellent presentations by some of the world's top HF

operators and DXers. This year the RSGB was privileged to have Chuck Hutchinson, K8CH, ARRL's Membership Services Manager attending. On the Saturday evening some 155 people sat down to the "DX Dinner", addressed by the RSGB president, Clive Trotman, GW4YKL.

Over 220 special GB callsigns were issued to stations for the 38th annual Scouts' Jamboree on the Air which took place over the weekend of the 21st and 22nd of October. Many stations were helping Cubs and Scouts to achieve their communicator's badges and enabled them to experience the fun of the hobby at first hand by exchanging greetings messages with other Scouts all over the world.

The World Radio Conference WRC '95 discussed the proposal to delete Radio Regulation 2735, which requires national administrations to test for proficiency in Morse code before permitting amateurs to operate on the HF bands. The decision has been deferred, and the matter will be on the agenda at WRC '99, which will give sufficient time to obtain a considered opinion from all amateurs within Regions 1, 2 and 3.

The RSGB Annual General Meeting took place at the Royal Society of Chemistry in London on the 2nd of December. The RSGB President, Clive Trotman, GW4YKL, presented a cheque for 25,000 pounds to Ron Broadbent, G3AAJ, for the AMSAT Phase 3D satellite project. In addition, it was announced that the RSGB will make a further contribution of 25,000 pounds on condition that AMSAT-UK raises a similar amount from other sources.

That concludes our look back at the year 1995, as reported on GB2RS. It was prepared by GB2RS newsreader Vic Kusin, GM4HCO.

Reminders

Dayton Hamvention

The annual Dayton Hamvention is coming up sooner than you think, so be sure to send in your room reservation form promptly.

1997 DXpedition

We're gearing up to make another foray into the world of DXing with our 1997 DXpedition. This trip promises to once again put LARC in the record books. If all goes well, the new PD3 bird will be up and operating. It's possible that we could be the first DXpedition to work it. You won't want to miss this trip. Besides, it's a LOT of fun just hanging around in the tropics while your friends have snow in their faces.

Rates are expected to be reasonable and LARC will book all of the arrangements, including airfare. As before, a convenient monthly payment plan will be set-up so you can easily pay for the trip over the next year. What could be easier? Isn't it time others were reading about the rare DX you worked ... instead of the other way around?

If you're interested in making the trip, contact Don Bledsoe, P.O. Box 91299, Long Beach, CA 90809, call (310) 494-1223, FAX (310) 494-6765, or send an E-Mail: dbledsoe@netcom.com

Get that suntan lotion dusted off! Next year will be here before you know it.

DX in the Tropics: VP2E Hamcation

UPDATE! Caribbean Island Apartment for Hamcation Rental in Anguilla, BWI

Location: The apartment is located above Little Harbour on the side of South Hill. It is in the lower part of a private home (Dave and Dorothea's). The apartment has its own porch, two captain's beds, a desk operating position for ham radio, a kitchenette with mini-fridge, stove, sink, microwave, full bathroom with shower and closets. There are ceiling fans, built-in bookcase with books, a clock radio, dishes, and cooking/eating utensils. Maid service is provided.

Rates: The rates are US\$90 per day plus 8% government tax (total US\$97.20 per day) for up to two people.

Deposit: 25% of total bill. If you cancel at least 30-days prior to your scheduled visit, we will refund your deposit in full.

Payment: Cash or check. We are unable to accept credit cards.

Rental Cars: We can arrange for you. Cost is US\$35 per day, depending on season. The car rental agency takes credit cards and needs to see your U.S. driving license when you pick up the car. They will give you a temporary Anguillian driver's license, which costs US\$6. Driving is on the left side, but it is not difficult to get used to as there is not much traffic in Anguilla.

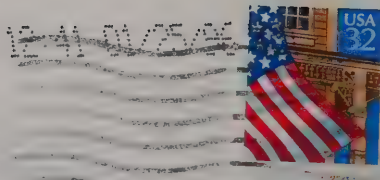
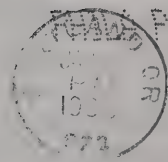
Getting Here: The easiest way is through San Juan, Puerto Rico. American Airlines runs American Eagle service from San Juan direct to Anguilla and takes about 55 minutes. There are two flights a day, one in the morning and the other at night. Flights leaving Anguilla are in the morning and in the afternoon.

Ham License: A VP2E license costs US\$39.06 at this time for a stroke callsign (VP2E/yourcall). A regular VP2E callsign costs double, but only needs to be held by one in a group. We can arrange it or take you to the license office so you can do it yourself. There is only one license class here, which gives all emission and frequency privileges. License fees are scheduled to rise in January 1995 to US\$46.50 (cash payment) or US\$48.36 paid by cheque).

Equipment: Bring your own rig or rent one from us. The ham position is equipped with an RM35A Astron 35 amp power supply with meters and a banana-jack power strip. We supply an antenna tuner, dummy load, antenna switches, ICE bandpass filters on all bands, a 2-meter voice and packet radio, and a packet TNC. Antennas include: Mosley Pro54 (10, 12, 15, 17, & 20 meters) yagi, Cushcraft CD40 (2 element, 40 meter) yagi, Optimized 4-element 6 meter yagi, Cushcraft R7 vertical (10-40 meters), and an 80-160 meter Windom wire antenna. Electrical supply is 120-volts AC, 60 Hz. The rental rig is an Icom IC-735 with optional CW filters and CW keyer and rents for \$25 per day.

Contact: A complete packet of information including photos is available from LARC members Dorothea (VP2EE) or Dave (VP2EHF) Mann, P.O. Box 599, Anguilla, British West Indies. Phone: (809) 497-2150, FAX: (809) 497-3557, or E-Mail: 74227.3127@compuserve.com

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Dayton Hamvention 1996 Room Reservation

Complete and return your reservation by **March 15, 1996** to:

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| Province | | Country |

1. Please reserve _____ (number of people in your party) spots for me / us for Hamvention at the LARC Headquarters hotel. LARC Hamvention accommodations will be at the **Ramada Inn North, 4079 Little York Road, Dayton, OH 45414, (513) 890-9500.** (Rooms with three (3) persons per room should cost approximately \$98.00 per night.) The hotel is conveniently located just off Exit 60 & I-75 — close to airport, restaurants and Hamvention. Rooms are for LARC members **ONLY** on a first come, first served basis. Membership must be current to reserve a LARC room — NO EXCEPTIONS.

Room rate is \$94 per night plus tax, double occupancy. *THREE NIGHT MINIMUM STAY IS REQUIRED FOR ALL ROOMS ... Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights ONLY.*

NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT REQUIRED is \$50.00/person.

Make all checks payable to: Lambda Amateur Radio Club

2. Your reservation is for Thursday night (May 16) through Saturday night (May 18).

3. I wish to share a room with the following LARC members if possible:

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4. If possible, put me in a room with ...

Check one: ☐ Smoker ☐ Non-Smoker ☐ Doesn't Matter

5. The LARC Annual Banquet will be held on Saturday, May 18. This is an informal dinner gathering for the group attending the Dayton Hamvention. Please indicate below your plans:

Check one: ☐ **YES** ..I plan to attend the LARC dinner
☐ **NO** ..I will **NOT** be attending the LARC dinner

NOTE: We will do our best to secure room reservations for all members who send in their reservations and deposits on time. We will also do our best to honor all requests for specific roommate assignments. However, we cannot guarantee either room space or guarantee particular assignments to anyone.

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LARC Hurricane Disaster Fund Put To Good Use

by Susan Shepard

(Editor's note: Susan is the Online and Internet Coordinator and monitor for the UN Amateur Radio Readiness Group and worked non-stop with hurricanes Luis, Marilyn, the Mexican earthquake, Opal, Roxanne, etc. She is the "Susan" that 4U1UN talks about on 14.268. Susan was caught during the hurricane season without a US ticket (she is a very active SWL but hasn't been on the air since working in India many years ago). Hurricane Luis got Susan involved with Anguilla, Dave and Dorothea Mann and the Anguilla Amateur Radio Society. Susan is now coordinating various things here on their behalf and she will be making her second trip to Anguilla in December for an extended stay.)

Here is a brief report on what the wonderful LARC VP2EE & VP2EHF Hurricane Disaster Relief Fund has made possible for the needed repair/relief items for Dave and Dorothea Mann. I will be adding to it, of course, and I *KNOW* Dave and Dorothea are grateful beyond words for the caring friendship of LARC members ... I've tried a dozen times to write about how I know they feel and it comes out inadequate ... "beyond words" has to be it, I guess. I share their feelings because you have made it possible, and certainly easier than it might otherwise have been, to move quickly and efficiently in getting what they need to them.

The LARC Hurricane Luis Relief Fund has made two big differences for Dave and Dorothea.

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ARRL Affiliation Submitted

LARC Club President Nick Altenbernd (KA1MQX) has submitted LARC's formal club affiliation application to the ARRL. LARC agreed to consider formal affiliation as a part of our amicable agreement with the ARRL in 1994. That same year, a survey of the LARC members showed overwhelming support for formal affiliation. At press time LARC's application had been forwarded to the Atlantic Division Director for action, since the club will be registered in Philadelphia.

LARC Hamvention '96 Planning Underway

Start making your plans now to attend the Dayton Hamvention during the weekend of May 17th, 18th and 19th, 1996. LARC has reserved a block of rooms at our new headquarters hotel, the Ramada Inn North, located at 4079 Little York Road, just off Interstate 75. The Ramada is a very nice hotel conveniently located close to the Hamvention and a wide selection of restaurants. The Ramada is also on the bus route to and from the Hamvention. Included with this issue of the LNN is your LARC Hamvention reservations form. Room space is limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, so please get your deposits and reservations in early. Note that you must be a renewed member of LARC for 1996, and also that there is a three night minimum stay requirement. LARC will make every effort to honor requests for particular room sharing requests but if you wish to share a room with a particular member or members (three in a room, etc.), is up to you to make these arrangements independently and advise LARC. See you in Dayton!

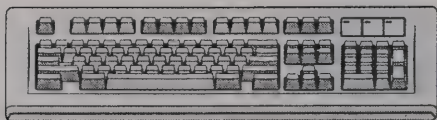
Correction To LARC Skeds

Please note that, since 14.335 is usually occupied by nets, the LARC Sunday HF frequency should be 14.340 +/- QRM. Clear spots are sometimes hard to find, so please tune around!

**VP2EE & VP2EHF Hurricane Fund
donations are still needed.
See the November LNN for details.**

Membership Renewal Time

This is your last issue of the LNN if you have NOT renewed your membership.



The President's Keyboard

by Nick Altenbernd, KA1MQX
President, LARC

November, December, holidays ... and LARC renewal! LARC needs you. We are a small organization, with a small budget, and we're doing big things. That means we need our members to support us and to work with us. We've made our mark with the ARRL, of which we will soon be an affiliate club. No longer will gay people be misrepresented within the ham community by all the old stereotypes, because LARC has fought the battle for full, open representation and membership.

We are continuing our important public service work. With special donations from members, we're helping our Caribbean members Dave and Dorothea Mann get their station back up to full operation. Dorothea was the Caribbean hub of emergency communications during the recent hurricane season, and the whole region needs her. The Manns and the Anguilla ARS have a lot of equipment that needs major repair, and LARC is facilitating the movement of it. And we can be especially proud that Dorothea was named "Ham of the Year" by Radio Havana for her emergency communications work.

We are constantly receiving letters of inquiry from hams, and (more important) from not-quite-hams who have seen our ads or heard about us from friends. They want to know if ham radio is really a place where they can find a circle of friends, expand their technical knowledge, and do the public service work for which ham radio is justly famous. We're here to tell them: yes, all this is possible, and you can do it with straight hams, and your fellow g/l/b/t hams. That is precisely what LARC does.

I'm writing this on the day before Thanksgiving, anticipating a tasty bird with trimmings in Provincetown — not on the beach or in my favorite campground — in a comfortable condo overlooking the beach and Provincetown harbor. It will be quiet and restful (unlike July and August), and if the weather holds, I'll do some photographing on the beach and in the forests. (I always carry my 2M hand talkie with me out there; you never know when you might fall off a dune and break a leg, and the Dennis repeater is always monitored.)

LARC is sitting pretty. We have a stable, supportive membership, we're on the verge of acceptance as an affiliated club of the ARRL, we function as ourselves when we do our hamming. We've engaged recently in some modest but important public service work, and our membership is growing at a moderate but steady pace. What are we to do next? All of these activities are ones that will always need to be done, or done over, time after time. But some of them are almost second nature to us now. Do you have a long-cherished or recently-hatched idea for LARC? Please send letters or email to me or the newsletter with ideals and desires, something to add to the vision of our club. I'll mull them over, add my own to the mix, and we'll see what's ahead for LARC as we head for (omigod!) the 21st century. 73 es 88 — Nick, KA1MQX

Editor's Note

Don Bledsoe, WB6LYI, Lambda Net News Editor

Well, this issue rounds out another year for LARC — and what a year it's been. We've done a little adjusting and now we're a stronger and more focused club than ever before. Our ads in *QST* are pulling well and we're growing like never before. Next year promises to be a banner one for LARC, and I want to wish you all the best of "Happy Holidays" and a very prosperous and "Happy New Year."

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GB2RS Main News of 29th October

Good morning. It's Sunday the 29th of October and here is the GB2RS news broadcast, prepared by the RSGB and intended for all radio amateurs and short-wave listeners.

The November Radio Communication has been posted to all RSGB members. It includes the RSGB Annual Report and an envelope for the Council election. A ballot form, details of the forthcoming AGM and a Proxy voting form are incorporated in the Annual Report. Any member who has not received the Annual Report or the envelope should contact RSGB HQ for a replacement.

In the edition of Autocar magazine, dated the 18th of October, reference was made to the possibility of radio controlled locking devices being rendered inoperative because of amateur signals on the 430MHz band. A full description of this effect, the background to it, and what can be done about it, can be found in the December edition of RadCom due to be posted to all RSGB members in three week's time.

This weekend, the 28th and 29th, sees the huge CQ Worldwide SSB contest which covers all of the non-WARC HF bands until midnight on Sunday. Even for those not keen on contests, this affords a good opportunity to work some exotic SSB DX as many expeditions are active especially for the contest.

As reported on page 95 of the November RadCom, Ian Suart, GM4AUP, is now chairman of the RSGB Licensing Advisory Committee. Meanwhile, John Morris, GM4ANB, has been appointed chairman of the VHF Committee and Colin Thomas, G3PSM, is the new chairman of the HF Committee. Ian Kyle, G18AYZ, will become chairman of the RSGB Membership Liaison Committee with effect from the 1st of January 1996.

A 'Club of Friendship' open air day takes place on Sunday the 5th of November, from 0001UTC to

2359UTC, to help forge links between British and Russian radio amateurs. During that time, the club stations G4BAS (GX4BAS/P) and RK3AWP will be operating. An award will be available to radio amateurs, including SWLs, who make or hear 10 contacts with amateurs in Russia. Further details can be obtained from Howard Ketley, 1 Tewkesbury Avenue, Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts NG19 8LA.

The contact number given for the Great Northern Hamfest on page 93 of November's RadCom is incorrect. It should read: 0836 748958. Apologies to those concerned.

The MartleS, will be active in the CQ WW SSB contest. This will be his last operation before going QRT on the 1st of November.

From Oman A4 stations will be able to use the /25 suffix for the 25th anniversary of the National Holidays between the 1st of November and the 31st of December.

And from Mariana Island, Yu, JE6DND, and others will be active from the 3rd to the 6th of November on 80 to 10 metres including WARC.

Now news of some special event stations:

The station GB8CC will be operating on all bands until the 16th of November, running in conjunction with celebrations in Cleveland around the birth date of Captain James Cook.

OS4CLM is a special event station in Belgium will be on the air until the 5th of November to commemorate the Canadian Liberation March which took place in 1944 to liberate the town of Knokke.

Next the Rally News:

The Hornsea Amateur Radio Club rally will take place today, Sunday, the 29th of October.

The North Wales Radio and Computer Rally will take place at the Aberconwy Conference Centre in Llandudno on Saturday the 4th and Sunday the 5th of November. For

further details contact Barry Mee, GW7EXH, on 01 745 591 704.

Next Sunday, the 5th, the North Devon Radio Rally will be held at Holsworthy memorial Hall from 10am until 4pm. Details may be obtained from G8I on 01409 241202.

The 2 metre beacon GB3VHF, which was turned off on the 19th of October due to a failure of the keyer, will be off the air until further notice.

Now for the HF contest news:

The CQ World Wide DX SSB Contest takes place for the full 48 hours of Saturday the 28th and Sunday the 29th of October. Exchange a signal report and CQ Zone — the UK is in Zone 14 — on all bands from 160 to 10 metres, excluding the three WARC bands.

The Ukrainian DX contest takes place on Saturday the 4th and Sunday the 5th of November, from 1200UTC until 1200UTC the following day. Operation will be CW and SSB on 3,4, 7, 14, 21 and 28MHz. The rules are on page 20 of November's RadCom.

Next some VHF contest news:

Today, Sunday, the 29th of October, the 1.3 and 2.3GHz fixed station and SWL contest will take place. The rules are in the June RadCom.

The 1.3/2.3GHz Cumulative contest takes place on Thursday the 2nd of November.

The 144MHz RSGB CW 6 Hour is on Saturday the 4th and Sunday the 5th of November. Rules are in the June RadCom.

Also on the 4th and 5th of November, the 144MHz CW Marconi/RSGB 24 hour contest will take place. The rules are in the July RadCom.

And now the solar factual data:

The period from the 16th to the 22nd saw solar activity up to moderate levels and the geomagnetic field at minor storm levels. Sunspot numbers declined from 86 on the 16th to 40 on the 21st with a mean of 49. Solar flux levels also

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declined from 86 units on the 16th to 80 units on the 22nd with an average of 82 units. Numerous B class solar flares were reported every day but the largest flare of the week was on the 20th at 0607 hours when sunspot region number 7912 produced a M1.5/SF. The following day the same group produced a C class flare. Sunspot region number 7912 has now been confirmed by the Space Environment Services Centre at Boulder for belonging to the new sunspot cycle. The electron fluence started the period at high levels and then declined to moderate levels before increasing to high levels again by the 21st. The X-Ray flux levels increased from A4.3 units on the 16th to B1.1 units by the 21st due to the higher level of flare activity. The average for the period was A6.2 units. The 90 day solar flux average on the 22nd was 74 units.

Geomagnetic activity started the period at quiet levels with an Ap index of 6 units on the 16th. Conditions then increased to sub storm levels on the 19th with an Ap index of 36 units. By the 22nd, conditions had declined to unsettled levels. The average for the period was Ap 18 units. The aa indices, as supplied by the British Geological Survey for the period from the 10th to the 16th of October, saw activity at

unsettled to active conditions. Levels increased from 14.7 nanoTeslas on the 10th to peak at 33.9 nanoTeslas by the 12th. Activity then declined to unsettled levels for the rest of the period with only 10.9 nanoTeslas recorded on the 15th, the average for the period was 19 nanoTeslas, about K2.

I'll repeat the figures: spots — 49, flux — 82, Ap index 18, X — Ray flux A6.2.

Now the ionospheric data for Central France:

The F2 daytime critical frequencies at Poitiers, as reported by Meudon for the period from the 13th to the 19th of October, saw a welcome increase in levels. Levels increased from 7.3MHz on the 13th to 8.1MHz by the 16th. Levels then declined and ended the period at 6.8MHz on the 16th with an average of 7.5MHz. The darkness hour lows increased from 2.8MHz on the 13th to 3.5MHz on the 15th but then declined sharply to only 2.1MHz on the 19th. The average for the period was 2.9MHz. The daytime highs took place between 1000 and 1700 hours and the darkness hour lows between 2200 and 0500 hours.

I'll repeat the figures: highs — 7.5MHz, lows — 2.9MHz.

And lastly the solar forecast:

This week with the quiet side of the sun looking our way solar activity is expected to be at very low levels. Solar flux levels are expected to be about the low 70s but should increase towards next weekend. Geomagnetic activity may be at quiet levels today but levels are expected to increase sharply to minor storm levels or even major storm levels in the next few days. A well positioned recurring coronal hole will be responsible for this high level of geomagnetic activity and could last right through till next weekend. Ionospheric MUFs for the coming week will depend on the level of geomagnetic activity but are expected to decline from 23MHz to only 15MHz during the week, levels for the north are expected to be about 3MHz lower than for the south. Scottish type auroras could well take place almost any day during the coming week.

And that's the end of the solar information.

Finally in the main news, SSL has informed the Society that as of last Wednesday morning, the latest callsigns allocated were in the G0 Whisky Oscar and G7 Victor Whisky series, and Novice calls in the 2 0 Alfa Mike and 2 1 Echo November series.

CW Speeds To Remain

(Source: Amateur Radio Newsline)

The General class code test speed will remain at 13 words per minute. This, after the FCC denies three requests to lower the Morse code requirement for that class of operator license. The requests, in the form of letters, came from three Technician-Plus class licensees. All three petitioned that the 13 word per minute Morse code requirement for the General Class license be lowered to 5 words per minute. Two of them also asked that the Technician-Plus operator license class be

eliminated. That all holders of Technician-Plus licenses be grandfathered to General class operator privileges. But in an Order released October 19th the FCC says that the current amateur service license structure and examination requirements were developed in accordance with the expressed desires of the amateur service community. This, through numerous rule making proceedings that generated many thousands of comments. The FCC says that the amateur service community

indicated on each occasion that it strongly desires to preserve communications by telegraphy. And after considering the views expressed in those proceedings, the Commission adopted the rules that are codified in Part 97. Based on this history, the FCC concludes that the petitioners have not presented sufficient evidence to justify revisiting these matters at this time. Its not known if any of the three hams will file appeals.

LARC Hurricane Disaster Fund Put To Good Use

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FIRST, the knowledge of your friendship and support as they work their way through recovery from Hurricane Luis' direct hit on Anguilla.

SECOND, your contributions have made it possible to acquire and quickly move some essential items for ham shack repair, home repair, and even a few of the little things that bring sustenance and comfort! A quick list of what LARC has made possible, most of which is already on its way to the island and the balance of which will be going down with me in early December: drill bits, lots; new wood and masonry blades for saws; a heavy-duty tile cutter; grinder tool supports and a good supply of grinding wheels; tools for repairing and replacing windows; a 12 volt air compressor; a small drill press; a vise for straightening out all that bent metal; replacement parts for power tools; fuel line filters for the generators to help them hold up under dirty fuel conditions; some needed health supplies and household items; and items

for the health and welfare of Willie the Electric cat! (Willie says this is the most important thing and he thanks you as well.) More will come and we'll keep you up to date! As you can see, each of these items is small but oh, so critical. You can add to the things gotten: low voltage outdoor lights, replacement parts for their propane lanterns, some more supplies for Willie the Electric Cat provided at cost by my vet, stretching the dollars even further!

Again, there is no way to say "Thank You" for all that you have done ... you have truly made a difference! LARC's check arrived Monday. Again, thank you so much. Believe me, every penny is being put to good use! Dorothea (VP2EE) filled me in on LARC, your net, etc. I hope I you won't mind if I drop in on the group early next year when I get back from Anguilla and get active on air in the US. I REALLY look forward to "meeting" all of you!

ACLU: Religious Right Threatens to Shut Down Net

Edited by Jim Kelly (KK3K) & Wayne Schuler (AI9Q)

The Religious Right has proposed to hold anyone who provides access to the Internet or other interactive media, including online services providers, ISP's, BBS's, Libraries, and Schools, criminally liable for all speech carried on the network. In order to avoid liability under this provision, service providers would be forced to monitor user's electronic communications to be assured that no "indecent" material is transmitted across their networks. This proposal is MORE RESTRICTIVE than the Exon Communications Decency Act, or any other net censorship legislation currently in Congress. In their letter to Congress, the Religious Right says: "[Providers] would simply be required to avoid KNOWING violations of the law." [emphasis added] However, the "knowing" standard is vague enough that the mere knowledge that such material exists could be sufficient to trigger criminal liability. A single complaint or even a news report could force a service provider to take down a web page, remove posts to chat rooms or other discussion forums, or shut down listservs in order to avoid going to jail and facing huge fines. The Christian Coalition would give the FCC broad jurisdiction over cyberspace. It would allow the FCC jurisdiction over your online speech, and over the design Internet software, such as web browsers and filtering programs that parents can use to control their children's access to the Internet. The proposals from the Religious Right will literally destroy online speech as

we know it. The odds of stopping this are not certain. There is a very real chance that this legislation will pass, and we will experience a period of uncertainty and chilling of speech while an appropriate test case attempts to reach the Supreme Court. The Religious Right has a strong grass-roots network. We need to counter their energy and ensure cyberspace is not lost due to them. IMMEDIATELY CALL House Speaker Gingrich (R-GA) and Senate Leader Dole (R-KS) and urge them to oppose the Christian Coalition's proposal.

| | Phone | FAX |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
| R GA Gingrich, Newt | 1-202-225-4501 | 1-202-225-4656 |
| R KS Dole, Robert | 1-202-224-6521 | 1-202-224-8952 |

If you're at a loss for words, try one of the following: "Please oppose the recent proposal from the Religious Right to censor the Internet. The only effective way to address children's access to the Internet is through parental control tools outlined by the Cox/White/Wyden approach." Join the online fight by becoming a volunteer for your congressional district! You can start working to help spread the word in your district by sending this letter to five friends. Ask them to call Dole and Gingrich as well. We can't suggest relaxing at this point. The stakes are too high, and the risk is too great. What we now value and take for granted on the net now hangs in the balance!

If you've not already done so, send in your renewal today!

KK3K's Uplink

by Jim Kelly, KK3K

There has been lots of excitement here in my shack recently. First of all, on October 30th, OSCAR 13 came alive again after control stations reoriented the bird's antennas and solar panels. Now the batteries can stay charged at the same time that the antennas are pointing at earth instead of out into space as they have been for a large part of the orbit. No sooner had the orientation been changed than the AO-13 downlink came alive with new and hot DX. I worked a ZC4 (UK bases on Cyprus), a YS (El Salvador), a CX (Uruguay), and at press time I was waiting for a chance to work the first ever satellite operation from ZA (Albania). I have 197 countries confirmed on satellite (I hold satellite DXCC # 85), and I'm really eager to break the 200 countries confirmed mark. Hopefully, I'll be able to do this when I get the cards back from the stations I'm working now. It's nice to have OSCAR 13 back in top form again.

The other excitement in the shack is my upgrade to Windows 95. The upgrade went very well and I really like Win 95. I upgraded over my existing OS (Windows 3.1), rather than starting from scratch and installing Win95 on a clean, freshly re-formatted hard drive. I went this way for two reasons: 1. upgrading was recommended by Microsoft and elsewhere, like PC Computing, and 2. I didn't have the time to re-install all of my favorite software at this time. I had to spend a couple of days getting familiar with the new GUI (graphical user interface) and file management system. I also had to do a little "tweaking" of system settings. I have noticed an improvement in my system: things seem to run faster and complete crashes are rare. Now, if a particular program or device fails, the whole system doesn't hang like under Windows 3.1 and you can close the problem application and recover. The amazing thing is how Win95 finds and sets up icons for all of your applications and it finds almost all of your devices (printers, CDrom, etc.) and sets up its own drivers to handle them. That's why I was able to finally delete 95% of my autoexec.bat and config.sys files. The only thing

left in autoexec.bat is a path statement so that the computer can find batch files, and the only thing left in config.sys is a special driver for my SCSI-based flatbed scanner. Oh, and the system is much more stable under Win95 as regards IRQ conflicts and the like. I encountered such problems when I added my SCSI interface card and I never did straighten it out completely under Windows 3.1, but these conflicts evaporated under Win95. In short, I really like Win95. I think it is a major improvement over Windows 3.1. Now I have to learn more about Win95's other capabilities.

It's that time of year again so I want to end this column by wishing everyone in LARC a wonderful holiday season. The holidays will be fun and with some extra time off we can ham it up and say "Happy Holidays!" to our friends on the air. While we might hate to see the old year pass, we do have lots of good things to look forward to in 1996. Dayton '96 is just around the corner and LARC is already in high gear making plans for fun times for our members at the Hamvention. We're going to launch a new high-orbiting satellite to replace OSCAR 13 and give us another decade or more of hamsat fun. LARC will formally affiliate with the ARRL and we'll do our part in whatever way we can, starting with adding our club to the list of ARCs that actively support the League's public service efforts on behalf of all hams. And by doing so, we'll be performing a public service on behalf of our own community by formally representing hams who are members of sexual minorities within the overall ham club community. But perhaps the best news for 1996 is that LARC will continue to be a viable presence in ham radio and we'll be there for new hams and elmers alike, young and old, with continuing outreach and public service, thereby providing opportunities for friendship and camaraderie in an environment of pride in who and what we are. I don't think you can ask for much more than that for the holidays! So HAPPY HOLIDAYS one and all, and I'll see you in 1996!

LARC DXpedition — Your Thoughts?

Don Bledsoe, WB6LYI, Lambda Net News Editor

It's time to start thinking about our next LARC-sponsored DXpedition. As you know, the planned DXpedition for this year was scubbed at the last minute, and regretfully so.

But this time, I'd like some feedback from YOU as to where you'd like to go next time. Here's some thoughts ...

1. Return to the Caribbean region in 1996 ... Barbados? Some other idyllic isle? Ideas?
2. Head in a different direction altogether, maybe in 1997 instead ... Raratonga? Where have YOU always wanted to go?
3. Be the first DXpedition on the new P3D bird?

4. You suggest some new, overlooked destination?
Some things are clear ...

1. You seem to prefer that LARC make ALL the arrangements, including airfares, if possible, and handle the payment arrangements for everyone.

2. You like the convenience of our LARC "Savings Plan" to save for the cost of the trip over time. It's simple, quick and easy for you — and you like it that way.

LARC DXpeditions are a wonderful way to relax, have fun, and do a little operating too. Let's get ready and GO!

FCC To Proceed With Closings

(Source: Amateur Radio Newsline)

The FCC says that it will go forward with a field office restructuring plan that will close down most regional monitoring centers to save money. The plan, submitted to the Commissioners by FCC Chairman Reed Hundt last August automates the FCC's network of airwave monitoring stations while at the same time reducing the number of field offices and field personnel in the Compliance and Information Bureau. Under the now approved scheme, nine separate currently staffed high frequency monitoring stations, and three additional monitoring sites within FCC field offices will be shut down. The FCC says that Technological advances permit the replacement of these monitoring stations with a national automated monitoring network by the summer of 1996. The plan also establishes what the FCC calls a new national Call Center. The Call Center will, for the first time, enable the

public anywhere in the United States to call one toll-free number to reach the FCC. This to get information or to report complaints. The FCC says that, under the arrangement, authorized staffing in the Compliance and Information Bureau will decrease by about one-third by the beginning of Fiscal Year 1997. The plan also requires an investment of 5 to 7 million dollars in equipment and personnel in fiscal years 1996 and 1997. That may sound like a lot of money until you realize that the Commission estimates that this one time purchase will save more than 8 million dollars annually thereafter. And what hams are probably wondering the most. What will this mean in regard to catching and punishing rules violators? The Commission says that even with the changes that its field enforcement activities will be maintained at current levels. Hams know that this means little or none.

P3D Delay

(Source: Amateur Radio Newsline)

From AMSAT, word that the launch of its Phase 3D Amateur Radio satellite has been set back from May to September of 1996. The satellite is manifested on the European Space Agency's Ariane 5 Flight number 502. But the agency now says that tests on the launcher's cryogenic main stage that have been under way in French Guiana are still not complete. This, due to problems that have called for changes in the design. These changes will delay upcoming launches 501 and 502. Meanwhile, all major contractual issues are now complete for the launch. Phase 3D International

Satellite Project Leader Karl Meinzer, DJ4ZC, made the announcement at the annual AMSAT meeting held in Orlando, Florida the weekend of October 7th. The final agreement establishes a firm cost, schedule and technical baseline for the launch. The contract includes a launch price of about \$1 million in U.S. currency. AMSAT says that contributions so far from individuals and organizations around the world will cover the first installment of the launch bill, about \$800,000, which is due on November 1st.

No Quacking

(Source: Amateur Radio Newsline)

This from VE3NDX coming to us via packet radio. Joe tells about reports in the Canadian Press that tell about an Australian man was fined \$2,000 for quacking like a duck on his radio transmitter. No, we are not kidding. \$2,000 for going quack, quack on the air. The fine was levied after the

man pleaded guilty to operation and possession of unlicensed communications equipment. In addition to the fine, he was also ordered to forfeit the equipment to the government. Joe adds that the guy is probably very lucky. Lucky in that some duck hunting ham didn't get him first.

Is It Time For a Change in the LNN?

Don Bledsoe, WB6LYI, Lambda Net News Editor

As we close out another year, I like to pause and ask what YOU would like to see in the LNN in the future. Of course, we can always use your help. We need "reporters" to whip up simple and brief member profiles. This has been the most-requested feature desired by LARCers — they want to know a little about members and what they like to do for fun, whether hamming or other interesting activities..

Is there something YOU would like to see in the LNN? Tell us what it is! We can't produce a newsletter YOU like to read without knowing what it is YOU would like to see in it.

LARC is YOUR club. Tell us what you want and we'll do our best to deliver.

As always, you can send your comments and suggestions to the addresses (mail and e-mail) listed on page 2.

DX in the Tropics: VP2E Hamcation

UPDATE! Caribbean Island Apartment for Hamcation Rental in Anguilla, BWI

Location: The apartment is located above Little Harbour on the side of South Hill. It is in the lower part of a private home (Dave and Dorothea's). The apartment has its own porch, two captain's beds, a desk operating position for ham radio, a kitchenette with mini-fridge, stove, sink, microwave, full bathroom with shower and closets. There are ceiling fans, built-in bookcase with books, a clock radio, dishes, and cooking/eating utensils. Maid service is provided.

Rates: The rates are US\$90 per day plus 8% government tax (total US\$97.20 per day) for up to two people.

Deposit: 25% of total bill. If you cancel at least 30-days prior to your scheduled visit, we will refund your deposit in full.

Payment: Cash or check. We are unable to accept credit cards.

Rental Cars: We can arrange for you. Cost is US\$35 per day, depending on season. The car rental agency takes credit cards and needs to see your U.S. driving license when you pick up the car. They will give you a temporary Anguillian driver's license, which costs US\$6. Driving is on the left side, but it is not difficult to get used to as there is not much traffic in Anguilla.

Getting Here: The easiest way is through San Juan, Puerto Rico. American Airlines runs American Eagle service from San Juan direct to Anguilla and takes about 55 minutes. There are two flights a day, one in the morning and the other at night. Flights leaving Anguilla are in the morning and in the afternoon.

Ham License: A VP2E license costs US\$39.06 at this time for a stroke callsign (VP2E/yourcall). A regular VP2E callsign costs double, but only needs to be held by one in a group. We can arrange it or take you to the license office so you can do it yourself. There is only one license class here, which gives all emission and frequency privileges. License fees are scheduled to rise in January 1995 to US\$46.50 (cash payment) or US\$48.36 paid by cheque).

Equipment: Bring your own rig or rent one from us. The ham position is equipped with an RM35A Astron 35 amp power supply with meters and a banana-jack power strip. We supply an antenna tuner, dummy load, antenna switches, ICE bandpass filters on all bands, a 2-meter voice and packet radio, and a packet TNC. Antennas include: Mosley Pro54 (10, 12, 15, 17, & 20 meters) yagi, Cushcraft CD40 (2 element, 40 meter) yagi, Optimized 4-element 6 meter yagi, Cushcraft R7 vertical (10-40 meters), and an 80-160 meter Windom wire antenna. Electrical supply is 120-volts AC, 60 Hz. The rental rig is an Icom IC-735 with optional CW filters and CW keyer and rents for \$25 per day.

Contact: A complete packet of information including photos is available from LARC members Dorothea (VP2EE) or Dave (VP2EHF) Mann, P.O. Box 599, Anguilla, British West Indies. Phone: (809) 497-2150, FAX: (809) 497-3557, or E-Mail: 74227.3127@compuserve.com

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VP2EE / VP2EHF Hurricane Fund Update

As of October 29, 1995, LARC members have contributed just under \$510.00 to the Hurricane Emergency Relief Fund which LARC has established to help out fellow members Dave (VP2EHF) and Dorothea (VP2EE) Mann in the aftermath of Hurricane Luis. LARC members who have contributed so far include: WA0S; KC3XC & Ted; K9TWE; WA6KLA; AI9Q; and KK3K & Dan, WA2NGX, AF9A, KA1MQX, and C6GR. Thanks to you all for your contributions!

LARC Helps VP2MO Fund

LARC has sent a donation to the Bobby Martin (VP2MO) Scholarship Fund. Mr. Martin's wife was killed a couple of months ago in a storm/volcano emergency related vehicular accident. Montserrat (VP2M) was the site of LARC's successful 1993 DXpedition, and the members who participated were treated with tremendous kindness and hospitality during their stay on Montserrat. Our thoughts are with the family of Mr. Martin and with all of those on Montserrat and elsewhere in the Islands who have had to deal with so much hardship this year.

LARC Helps Rebuild DXpedition Site in Anguilla

LARC has sent a contribution directly to Ann Edwards, the owner of Syd-Ans apartments in Sandy Ground, Anguilla in response to a plea to help her rebuild in the wake of hurricane destruction this season. Ann is a single mother putting her three children through school in the States, so resources to repair and rebuild are scarce. Syd-Ans apartments served as LARC DXpedition headquarters during two club-sponsored DXpeditions in 1992 and 1994. The apartment complex is situated on a sandy finger of land with the ocean on one side and a large salt pond on the other. Extensive damage was done to several of the rooms including the two rooms adjacent to the salt pond which LARC used as DXpedition shacks. These two rooms were destroyed. Anyone wishing to send a contribution to help Ann can mail it directly to: Ann Edwards, Syd-Ans Apartments, Sandy Ground, Anguilla, British West Indies.

Membership Renewal Time

Be sure to get your annual dues renewal back to us promptly. Your last issue of the LNN will be the December 1995 issue if you don't renew on time.

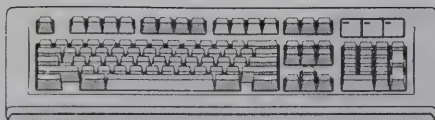
LARC Establishes VP2EE / VP2EHF Hurricane Fund

LARC members Dave (VP2EHF) and Dorothea (VP2EE) Mann sustained extensive damage to their home and ham radio equipment as a result of Hurricane Luis. The LARC Executive Committee has voted to establish an emergency fund and is soliciting donations to be sent to Dave and Dorothea to help them repair and rebuild.

All of their towers were blown down and it will be quite some time before they will be able to replace them. So far as

is known, they have had little time to devote to looking after their own health and welfare due to the volume of traffic being handled. Now's the time to lend a hand.

LARC members, friends and anyone who would like to make a donation to the fund can do so by mailing a check to LARC, P.O. Box 24810, Philadelphia, PA 19130-2405. Make your check payable to "LARC" and be sure to note on it "VP2EE & VP2EHF FUND."



President's Keyboard

by Nick Altenbernd, KA1MQX
President, LARC

We've arrived at the month of Thanksgiving, and there's a lot to be thankful for, as always. We're having a beautiful Indian summer in New England — leaf-peeping wasn't completely eliminated by the hot dry summer — and the rain is coming plentifully, but not flooding; the weather is cool and crisp, with some warm days; band conditions are (should be!) improving. Our re-established 20-meter net is beginning to show some life, although the band around it is often livelier.

Our intrepid Newsletter editor called me last evening, nominally to terrorize this column out of me, but the good news is that he had a landline — a real live telephone conversation — with the Manns in Anguilla. Their services are getting re-established, and we're setting plans to use our Emergency Fund to repair rigs for them, so one of the Caribbean's most-honored hams (Dorothea) will be ready next time, too.

Our affiliation papers are in the hands of the ARRL (are you a League member???), and Vicky Armentano and I had a phone call to sort out the statistics. We should soon be an ARRL Affiliated Club, registered in Philadelphia.

And here's something I'm especially thankful for that isn't related to ham radio at all: Satyajit Ray. Ray was India's greatest filmmaker, and the first film he made, in 1955, was one of the great cinematic experiences. It is "Pather Panchali", the first of the "Apu" trilogy. Merchant-Ivory has recently restored a dozen of his films, and I've recently seen the first of the trilogy. If you have an "art" movie house near you, watch for these films. Few artists in any medium have explored the human condition so deeply, or communicated the profound human need for friendship and love as probingly as Ray did. His message reaches across nearly half a century, and a cultural gap as wide as it is deep; but his subject is Everyman.

I wish everyone a happy, safe, and fun-filled Thanksgiving.

VP2EE & VP2EHF Fund Set to Help

by Don Bledsoe, WB6LYI, LNN Editor

As is mentioned elsewhere in this issue, I had a wonderful conversation with Dave Mann in Anguilla. Dave and Dorothea are preparing a variety of reports for the Government of Anguilla in the aftermath of two hurricanes that struck the island. The task is monumental, as you might expect, but they are forging ahead undaunted to make sure they are better prepared next time.

We discussed many things, including their urgent need to restore a number of rigs to operating condition. The complete process is expected to take some months due to protracted shipping times, customs processing of equipment to the U.S. and back again, plus actual repair time while the equipment is in the States. So, it's no surprise that there's a sense of urgency in getting the process underway as soon as possible. Hurricane season starts again next August.

Dave and Dorothea have requested that the funds LARC is raising be used to assist in these repairs and return shipping to Anguilla of the much-needed rigs. As you might expect, this will be a costly undertaking. If ever you've wanted assurance that your donation will benefit the intended recipient, this is it — and every dollar counts. If you'd like to make a contribution to the fund, see the boxed announcement on page 1 of this issue. Every contribution helps, no matter how small. Please make a contribution today.

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Gays in the Military — A Firsthand View

by Dave Mann, VP2EHF, Anguilla, BWI

You have my full support. Forgive me for writing what reads as if it were a personal history statement, with an overabundance of use of the personal pronoun. It is a verbose and loquacious statement. In order to establish my credibility it is necessary to provide certain information to those who do not know me. My spouse, Dorothea (VP2EE), and I are members of the Lambda Amateur Radio Club (LARC). My amateur radio callsign is VP2EHF. I am heterosexually oriented. We know many amateur radio operators who are gay and have enjoyed meeting members of the LARC organization during their visits to Anguilla.

I served 27 honorable years in the US Army, from 1961 to 1988, retiring as a Chief Warrant Officer 4 (CWO-4). Most of my career was spent with Military Intelligence, specializing in the fields of Technical Surveillance Countermeasures (TSCM), Communications Security (COMSEC), and special support to Counter-Espionage operations. In all assignments I knew at least one gay person who was stationed in the same unit as me.

My professional qualifications include earned college degrees in Communications Engineering, Criminal Justice Administration and successful attendance at many seminars in allied fields conducted by US Government agencies such as the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), National Security Agency (NSA) and military departments. I am a Fellow of the Centre for Failure Analysis, London, an honorary engineering society.

Military service included assignment with National Security Agency (NSA) Signals Intelligence facilities as a facility Security Officer. I was the Chief of Special Compartmented Information Facilities (SCIF) Accreditation for the US Army Special Security Office (SSO) System for 3 years. My final assignment was as the Special Advisor to the Director of Physical Security (OS-2A), Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), where my main job was as the principal author of DIA Manual 50-3, February 1988, the handbook for SCIF Construction and Security. My security accesses and clearances included Final Top Secret, Special Intelligence, Special Activities Office, CRYPTO, NATO, SIOP/ESI and AR50-3 and AR50-4 (Special Human Reliability Program for Nuclear Weapons,

Chemical/Biological Weapons, two-man rule area) accesses.

Since retirement I have been a successful consultant and seminar leader in the field of special telecommunications security measures and Risk Analysis.

Following retirement from the US military, my spouse and I moved to Anguilla where I work as the Telecommunications Advisor to the Minister of Public Works, Utilities and Telecommunications, the Honourable Mr. Albert "Belto" Hughes.

During my military service I knew many gay men and women, both career types and short timers. Most of the gay people with whom I worked held very high clearances including Special Access Program (SAP) and Special Access Required (SAR) accesses. I served in Vietnam as part of the 525th Military Intelligence Group's Detachment DaNang in support of the 1st Special Forces Group, Command and Control Detachment North. I was in Vietnam for one year alongside of two gay men and although we were not continuously in combat, someone did shoot at us several times in different places and we were all really scared and fortunate to come home in one piece.

I have smoked marijuana and inhaled on approximately seven occasions between 1967 and 1976; I enjoyed marijuana intoxication but believe that smoking causes lung disease and have not done it since. I have eaten marijuana ("Thai Budda-Stick") brownies on one occasion, inadvertently and because my security clerk's girlfriend mistakenly wrapped the laced brownies for the office instead of the unlaced ones. This was just prior to me giving a security briefing to visiting National Security Agency personnel. The Colonel told me later that the briefing on Insurgent Thai Communist Communications was excellent, although I do not recall being present.

I have not taken any other mind altering drugs, except for occasional imbibement of alcohol in social situations and drugs prescribed by medical personnel. I have been intoxicated with alcohol on several embarrassing occasions, including regurgitating my dinner in a loud and projectile manner onto the feet of a South Korean Army Colonel who was seated next to me at a formal dinner. Also while drunk, I was responsible for destroying my roommate's brand new

Honda 305 motorcycle at 24th and S Streets, SE, in Washington DC, by striking the curb and rolling into a dumpster at approximately 50 miles per hour without a helmet. In 1967, a female friend and I participated in a demonstration in support of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Negro Rights, and later attended a meeting where Malcom X was the speaker, both times in complete violation of US Army Regulations, while stationed in Washington DC, both of us holding Final Top Secret and Special Intelligence clearances, and assigned to the 116th Military Intelligence Group.

All of this information has previously been provided to US Government Investigators during the course of Full Background Investigations for Final Top Secret clearance and prior to US Government Polygraph examinations for compartmented access.

As a supervisor assigned access to Nuclear Weapons Release Authority (SIOP/ESI) documents, and as a security clearance manager, I closely observed the on-duty behavior all personnel, gay and hetero, within my purview. This observation was part of my duty to detect any character defects which could be prejudicial to a person holding access to sensitive classified materials.

I saw evidence only twice of a gay person whose conduct appeared to be detrimental to security. In both instances, it was not gay orientation that caused the concern, but the disease of Alcoholism. My only concern about gay people with security clearance is the possibility that they might be open to blackmail about their "in the closet" activities.

However, all of the gay people with whom I worked were loyal citizens and soldiers FIRST and gay second, thus I trusted that if approached by the enemy they would come to me and we would work together to resolve the security issues. For those who were open with their sexual preferences, I was not concerned about them any more or less than I was concerned about a heterosexual in the same situation. I was concerned about those who concealed their orientation, mainly because of historical cases where blackmail was used by foreign intelligence agencies to obtain classified material.

Foreign intelligence operatives would have used other "handles" on people if the secret homosexual activity were not a

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factor. Use of lifestyle sexual activities as a lever for espionage recruitment has used frequently observed. But, coercion has been shown to be more likely in the areas of monetary gain, heterosexual adultery, gambling, and "false flag" approaches.

My professional opinion is that in the 1990's no person with a US Government security clearance need be concerned about revealing their sexual orientation to counterintelligence investigators — IF the question is asked or IF the person is involved in a potential blackmail situation. I continue to remain concerned about persons who feel they must conceal their sexual orientation at all costs; they could be targets of recruitment. I continue to be concerned about homophobic security investigators and legislators and their denial of real world activities.

I know personally of one counterintelligence operation where a gay person was approached by hostile intelligence service (HoIS) agents, immediately notified the local counterintelligence office and successfully played the game until the HoIS agents were identified and themselves exploited.

He was the major active element in bringing an HoIS operation directed against the US Government to a close. The important point in this case is that he came forward to assist and was not persecuted for his theretofore unrevealed sexual orientation.

On the other side of the coin, while military security officials were very quick to ferret out female gay activities and harass and punish lesbians, they ignored glory hole activities in the male latrines. In two particularly egregious case involving women soldiers in Bad Kreuznach, Germany, and Camp Kue, Okinawa, local Counterintelligence and Criminal Investigators concentrated their time and effort on "Lesbian Rings", when the male latrines in the post exchange and division HQ all had glory holes and on-going male sexual activities that frequently blocked access to stalls by people desperately needing to answer the call of nature after taking their morning anti-malaria tablets or Mess Hall breakfast.

There continues to be a great amount of homophobia among members of the

military and the military security fields. I am not wise enough to figure out how to combat this ignorance. I can only say to homophobes that gay people are people first. I do not know if this is the "politically correct" viewpoint within gay rights groups, but it is what I believe. I don't deny that gay people have different lifestyles, but that is their life choice just as my life choices are mine. I treat friends who are gay partners in the same manner as those with partners of opposite sex. If "Joe" and "Sam" are together, or "Sarah" and "Maria", then I feel the same joy for their fortune in finding each other as I would for Leroy and April, or, for that matter me and Dorothea, with whom I have been blessed with 20+ years of love and friendship.

I am still bound by a lifetime security oath, so in almost all cases I cannot (and would not) release names or places involved. The examples cited above were reported in the national news media at the time of occurrence. This letter is not copyrighted and may be released to the public. I would prefer that if released it is released intact and unedited.

UK Government Says Yes to HF No Code

(Source: Amateur Radio Newline)

The radio regulatory agency of the United Kingdom says that it will back worldwide no-code licensing for high frequency ham radio operations. Word comes in the form of a notification to the Radio Society of Great Britain from the United Kingdom Radiocommunications Agency, the British equivalent of our FCC. According to the RSGB, and as reported last week here on Newline, the New Zealand government is to propose the abolition of the international

requirement for radio amateurs to pass a Morse test. This, prior to being permitted to use the HF bands. The RSGB says that it now understands that the government of United Kingdom intends to support this proposition. The Society says that it has protested to the Radiocommunications Agency the government decision to support New Zealand. RSGB contends that it runs contrary to the views of UK radio amateurs expressed in a survey carried out by the Society in 1993. The

RSGB says that the governments pro code-free position also appears to ignore the policy of all three regions of the International Amateur Radio Union.

But it now appears as if several of the worlds most prominent governments care very little about what the current ham radio community wants. Both New Zealand, and now the United Kingdom are telling their hams that whether they like it or not, no-code is a way whose time has come.

Militia Nets

(Source: Amateur Radio Newline)

With all the talk about militia groups in the news these days, it may not be much of a surprise to know that several of these groups are taking to the ham bands. According to several packet radio postings, a national high frequency militia radio network is being formed. Those behind the net say that they are doing it in the hope that once initial contact between

the various elements of the militias is accomplished they will each develop their own net times and frequencies.

The first of these regional militia nets was scheduled to begin earlier this month on Friday at 22:00 eastern time on 3960 Khz. This is followed by a national Militia Net intertie at 22:45

Eastern Time on 14.275 Mhz. If these frequencies are busy — and if the net tries to use 14.275 you probably will hear some gunfire you might want to look up the band. The nets are reportedly controlled from — and we quote from their press release — Dallas — in the free Republic of Texas.

No More Cleveland Scanning

(Source: Amateur Radio Newsline)

If you live in the city of Cleveland Ohio and own a scanner radio, you soon will have very little to listen to. This is because Cleveland is the first American city to fully implement a fully encrypted trunked radio system that is specifically designed to keep the ears of the general public out. According to a story by Stephen Bellamy, AA8MX, appearing in Popular Communications magazine, Cleveland's twenty municipal divisions, including police, fire and emergency medical services will soon be on the 800 Mhz digital trunked system. Once fully operational, the only way to eavesdrop will be with a special receiver manufactured by Motorola. A receiver that is not for sale to the general public, and whose operational technology is a closely guarded secret.

And even if someone were to get their hands on one of these next generation of two way radios it will do little good. In

addition to the receiver he would also need the proprietary decoding algorithm that Cleveland is making available only to those who they authorize to listen in.

Scanner enthusiasts, ham radio operators, and the general public will not be included in this group. Nor will they be able to buy new radios to receive the digitally encoded messages and Motorola appears unwilling to license its technology to anyone providing hobbyist monitor radios to the general public.

So once the new Cleveland radio system is fully operational all a scanner listener will hear is a some hashy sounding noise if they use their radios to tune in. More information on what's happening in Cleveland can be found on page 14 of the October issue of Popular Communications Magazine.

Emergency Operations Centre Finishes Hurricane Work

Provided by the Government of Anguilla

Anguilla's Emergency Operations Centre at Wallblake Airport will close on Friday, 22 September, at the close of its Hurricane Luis work. The Centre — the EOC — had been open since Monday, 4 September, when Hurricane Luis was confirmed to be headed for a probable hit on Anguilla.

The EOC was built in 1993 with funds donated by the British Government. Its purpose was to provide a communications centre to monitor hurricane and any other disasters and coordinate relief work.

The work of the EOC was coordinated by Deputy Governor, The Honourable Harry McCrory, and members of the Governor's Disaster Preparedness Committee. The dedication of all involved in the EOC's work and in particular the young public servants who manned communications facilities was outstanding.

During the approach of Hurricane Luis, throughout its passage and the days immediately following the hurricane, the EOC was manned continuously on a 24-hour basis. In some 12

days of operations, the EOC maintained links between the island's emergency relief services and the outside world other than a 24-hour period when Anguilla had no overseas contacts. When power was restored after Hurricane Luis has passed by, the EOC smoothly resumed operations. One of its first tasks was to reassure the world that, despite heavy damages, Anguilla had not suffered a single casualty during the hurricane.

When Hurricane Luis had passed, the EOC with the help of radio "hams", and in particular Dave and Dorothea Mann, added to its operations the task of relaying messages to neighboring US and British Virgin Islands to try to ascertain what assistance those sister islands might need. The EOC has played a key part in recent days in the control of relief flights and supplies into Anguilla.

In some two weeks operations, the EOC handled several thousand messages. The EOC team has received high praise for its excellent work.

Hate Mail Virus

(Source: Amateur Radio Newsline)

The neo-Nazi packet messages calling for genocide against minorities is a radio relayed computer virus as well as a message of hate. So say several European hams who have been tracking the messages ever since it first appeared and have now broken its source code.

DL2HBX reports via packet that the virus triggers only if a receiving station reads the hate messages in the "remote on" mode. This, says Uli, causes automatic regeneration of the hate message, passing it right back into the system and on to the next unsuspecting victim. Several Austrian operators who have intercepted the messages are now saying in their packet postings that the virus can also mutate. That is, it can regenerate the same text under a brand new bulletin identifier. This says the

European packet operators, give a system operator a false sense of security. He thinks he has cornered and killed the virus laden message. But by the time he has acted the bulletin has literally left his system and taken on a new life of its own.

Many European hams are now openly speculating that the source of the original message may have been from other than ham radio. Some believe it got its start on the Internet and found its way onto the ham bands through someone's unattended packet gateway tied to an internet provider. If this proves true, it could mean that a non ham was the actual writer of the hate mail and its virus sub-routine. It also means that unrestricted ties to the Internet could be hazardous to the health of packet radio.

If you've not already done so, send in your renewal today!

KK3K's Uplink

by Jim Kelly, KK3K

Why is it important for you to renew your LARC membership now? Simple, LARC needs the support of each and every one of its valued members to continue our good work! But LARC can also offer you something very special in return.

As a member of LARC you are a member of the one and only sexual minority supportive ham club that is openly gay and proud, and that has always recognized that it has a responsibility to members of the sexual minority community. No other ham club out there is openly gay and proud, and no other ham club can provide its members with opportunities for friendship and good fellowship while at the same time working, in the unselfish public service-oriented tradition of ham radio, on behalf of sexual minorities within has radio as well as outside of the hobby.

What do I mean by unselfish? By that I mean that LARC has acknowledged that it has a role to play as an organization in these troubled times when members of sexual minorities are under fire from bigots, self-serving politicians, religious fanatics, and the radical right. LARC is a proud L/G/B/T community organization. We recognize that our community's battle is LARC's battle; we can't ignore it. That's why LARC has embraced certain principles including pride in who we are. And that's why we've been working publicly for over a decade for justice for members of sexual minorities, primarily within ham radio. Of course, what we do in ham radio also affects our community's status in society at large. We've accomplished great things over the years, and we can continue this great work as long as our members continue to support our constitution and our public service activities.

This past year has been in some respects the most difficult year in our club's history. Some of our brothers and sisters, a

vocal minority, decided that they were unhappy with LARC's important public service mission. They wanted to radically change the club's purpose, to make LARC a social club only, and for all practical purposes, to return LARC to the closet. The chosen method of one or two of these dissidents was subversion, uncivil behavior, and the overthrow of our elected leaders. But just as we have a United States Constitution that has served to preserve representative democracy in our republic against threats both internal and external, our club's constitution has served to preserve our club's democratic structure and its public service mission. Our dedicated club leadership preserved and defended our club constitution and the overwhelming majority of our members reaffirmed their support.

So, while this year has been a difficult year for LARC, it has also been a great year, the year in which the majority of our membership stood firmly behind our club's constitution, our officers, and our public service activities. It was the year when a majority of our members refused to permit LARC to slide back into the closet and abandon its public service mission. It was a year when the majority of our members stood proudly and unselfishly on principles contained in our club's constitution, principles enacted in our public service work during the past decade. All in all, LARC is better and stronger now for what it has gone through this year.

All LARC needs now is your continued support. Please renew your LARC membership and thereby insure that the only proudly and openly gay, public service-oriented club for members of sexual minorities and their friends can continue its good work.

Pioneer 11 to End Operations After Epic Career

Provided by NASA

After nearly 22 years of exploration out to the farthest reaches of the Solar System, one of the most durable and productive space missions in history will come to a close.

Now beyond the orbit of Pluto and more than four billion miles from Earth, NASA's unmanned Pioneer 11 spacecraft is heading out into interstellar space. Because the spacecraft's power is too low to operate its instruments and transmit data, on September 30 NASA will cease daily communications with the spacecraft. At that distance, faint signals from Pioneer 11 traveling at the speed of light take over six hours to reach Earth.

The spacecraft will continue speeding out into interstellar space toward the center of the Milky Way, taking an engraved gold plaque bearing a message about Earth to other civilizations which it may encounter. Pioneer 11 will pass near the star Lambda Aquila in almost four million years.

"Americans should remember Pioneer 11 as a great achievement," said NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin. "This is the little spacecraft that could, a venerable explorer that has taught us a great deal about the Solar System and, in the end, about our own innate drive to learn. Pioneer 11 is what NASA is all about — exploration beyond the frontier."

"Pioneer 11 has had a spectacular life," said project manager Fred Wirth of NASA's Ames Research Center, Mountain View, CA. "It was the second spacecraft to visit Jupiter, roaring

through the heart of the planet's huge radiation belts at 107,373 mph, by far the fastest speed ever traveled by a human-made object."

Pioneer 10 and 11 were recommended by the Space Science Board of the National Academy of Sciences in 1968 as low-cost exploratory missions to the giant planets Jupiter and Saturn, approved by NASA in February 1969, and launched three and four years later, respectively.

Launched in April 1973, Pioneer 11 reached Jupiter in December 1974, following Pioneer 10, which flew by the planet a year earlier. It came in under the giant planet's south pole and skimmed within 26,600 miles of Jupiter's cloud tops. The fly-by was so close — the closest passage ever made past Jupiter — that the spacecraft received heavy bombardment from Jupiter's radiation belts, which are 40,000 times more intense than Earth's. Only Pioneer's extreme speed saved its electronics from severe damage.

Maps of Jupiter's severe radiation environment provided by Pioneer 10 and 11 permitted the later and much more sophisticated missions Voyager 1 and 2, and the ESA-NASA spacecraft Ulysses, to be designed to survive Jupiter's radiation. They also paved the way for Galileo's arrival at Jupiter this December, and the Cassini mission to Saturn in 1998.

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The gravity assist resulting from the close fly-by threw the craft 100 million miles above the plane of the planets and 1.5 billion miles completely across the inner solar system to Saturn. Pioneer flew high enough above the Sun's equatorial plane (17 degrees) to discover the true character of the Sun's magnetic field, until then a mystery to scientists.

In 1979, Pioneer 11 flew within 13,000 miles of Saturn, becoming the first spacecraft to visit that planet. Among its discoveries were two new moonlets and a new ring, and it charted the magnetosphere, magnetic field and the general structure of Saturn's interior. The spacecraft's instruments also measured the heat radiation from Saturn's interior, and found that its planet-sized moon, Titan, was too cold to support life.

In 1990 Pioneer 11 became the fourth spacecraft to journey beyond the Solar System, heading in the same direction that the Sun moves through interstellar space. Pioneer 10 is traveling in the opposite direction, and with the two Voyager spacecraft will continue to return information about the Sun's influence deep in space.

Although running out of power, most systems aboard the remarkably durable Pioneer 11 spacecraft are still healthy. For

many years the spacecraft has been sending back limited data on the solar wind, magnetic field and cosmic rays, but it can no longer be maneuvered to point its antenna accurately at the Earth. Starting tomorrow, NASA controllers will use the Deep Space Network antennas to listen for the spacecraft's signal for about two hours every two to four weeks to gather whatever information they can, down from about eight to ten hours per day.

"Some time in late 1996, its transmitter will fall silent altogether, and Pioneer 11 will travel as a ghost ship in our galaxy," Wirth said. "We plan to listen to it once or twice a month to learn about the fade-down process. This will help us understand the future fate of its sister craft, Pioneer 10," he said.

Pioneer 10 continues to return scientific data and may have enough power to last until 1999. At almost six billion miles, Pioneer 10 is the most distant object built by humans.

The Pioneer project is managed by NASA Ames Research Center, Mountain View, CA., for the Office of Space Science, Washington, DC. The Pioneers were built by TRW Systems, Redondo Beach, CA.

AARS Address Change

by Dorothea Mann, VP2EE, Anguilla, BWI

Please note the new address for the Anguilla Amateur Radio Society (AARS): AARS, P.O. Box #1, Anguilla, British West Indies. REMINDER: AARS will endeavour to deliver QSL cards

received at this new address, but at this time does not maintain a QSL Bureau and cannot guarantee QSL delivery in a timely manner.

Musings

from Wayne Schuler, AI9Q

This 'telephone' has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication. The device is inherently of no value to us." Western Union internal memo, 1876.

"The wireless music box has no imaginable commercial value. Who would pay for a message sent to nobody in particular?" David Sarnoff's associates in response to his urgings for investment in the radio in the 1920s.

"The concept is interesting and well-formed, but in order to earn better than a "C," the idea must be feasible." A Yale University management professor in response to Fred Smith's paper proposing reliable overnight delivery service. Smith went on to found Federal Express Corp.

"Who the hell wants to hear actors talk?" H.M. Warner, Warner Brothers, 1927.

"I'm just glad it'll be Clark Gable who's falling on his face and not Gary Cooper." Gary Cooper on his decision not to take the leading role in "Gone With The Wind."

"A cookie store is a bad idea. Besides, the market research reports say America likes crispy cookies, not soft and chewy cookies like you make." Response to Debbi Fields' idea of starting Mrs. Fields' Cookies.

"We don't like their sound, and guitar music is on the way out." Decca Recording Co. rejecting the Beatles, 1962.

"Heavier-than-air flying machines are impossible." Lord Kelvin, president, Royal Society, 1895.

"If I had thought about it, I wouldn't have done the experiment. The literature was full of examples that said you can't do this." Spencer Silver on the work that led to the unique adhesives for 3-M "Post-It" Notepads.

"So we went to Atari and said, 'Hey, we've got this amazing thing, even built with some of your parts, and what do you think about funding us? Or we'll give it to you. We just want to do it. Pay our salary, we'll come work for you.' And they said, 'No.' So then we went to Hewlett-Packard, and they said, 'Hey, we don't need you. You haven't got through college yet.'" Apple Computer Inc. founder Steve Jobs on attempts to get Atari and H-P interested in his and Steve Wozniak's personal computer.

"Professor Goddard does not know the relation between action and reaction and the need to have something better than a vacuum against which to react. He seems to lack the basic knowledge ladled out daily in high schools." 1921 New York Times editorial about Robert Goddard's revolutionary rocket work.

"You want to have consistent and uniform muscle development across all of your muscles? It can't be done. It's just a fact of life. You just have to accept inconsistent muscle development as an unalterable condition of weight training."

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Response to Arthur Jones, who solved the "unsolvable" problem by inventing Nautilus.

"Drill for oil? You mean drill into the ground to try and find oil? You're crazy." Drillers who Edwin L. Drake tried to enlist to his project to drill for oil in 1859.

"I think there's a world market for about five computers." Thomas J Watson, Chairman of the Board, IBM.

"The bomb will never go off. I speak as an expert in explosives." Admiral William Leahy, US Atomic Bomb Project.

"This fellow Charles Lindbergh will never make it. He's doomed." Harry Guggenheim, millionaire aviation enthusiast.

"Stocks have reached what looks like a permanently high plateau." Irving Fisher, Professor of Economics, Yale University, 1929.

"Airplanes are interesting toys but of no military value." Marchal Ferdinand Foch, Professor of Strategy, Ecole Supérieure de Guerre.

"Man will never reach the moon regardless of all future scientific advances." Dr. Lee De Forest, inventor of the vacuum tube and father of television.

"Everything that can be invented has been invented." Charles H. Duell, Commissioner, U.S. Office of Patents, 1899.

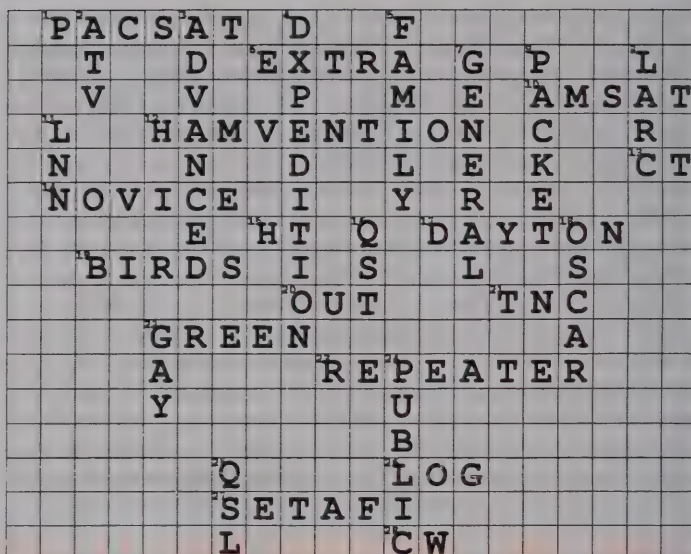
"Computers in the future may weigh no more than 1.5 tons." Popular Mechanics, forecasting the relentless march of science, 1949.

"I have traveled the length and breadth of this country and talked with the best people, and I can assure you that data processing is a fad that won't last out the year." The editor in charge of business books for Prentice Hall, 1957.

"But what ... is it good for?" Engineer at the Advanced Computing Systems Division of IBM 1968, commenting on the microchip.

"There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home." Ken Olson, president, chairman and founder of Digital Equipment Corp., 1977.

LARC Crossword #1



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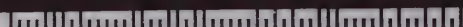
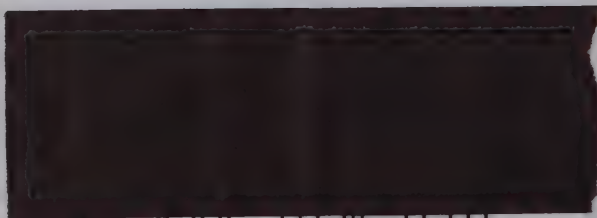
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| FM | | National LARC Simplex Frequency | 145.800 MHz |
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New ARRL HQ World Wide Web Service Now Online

from David Newkirk, WJ1Z, ARRL HQ

The American Radio Relay League is pleased to announce the startup of ARRLWeb, your League's new HQ-based World Wide Web site, at the URL:

<http://www.arrl.org/>

ARRLWeb will serve as an essential Internet resource for active hams, carrying ARRL news; details on upcoming hamfests, conventions and Amateur Radio examinations; the ARRL Publications catalog; information of ARRL membership benefits and services; and more.

In inaugurating this new service, the League thanks Scott Ehrlich, WY1Z, and the other Boston Amateur Radio Club volunteers who've worked since December 1994 to keep ARRL up and coming on the Web via the ARRL home page they installed and ongoingly maintained at oak.oakland.edu. Their volunteerism helped show us that upgrading our Internet connection to a level that allowed on-campus Web service would be essential to ARRL's mission of serving Amateur Radio.

Your comments, criticism and suggestions on how to make ARRLWeb bigger and better are *essential* to its ongoing success, so please drop by and say hello!

David Newkirk (WJ1Z)

ARRL Webmaster, ARRLWeb: <http://www.arrl.org/>

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It's Renewal Time

It's that time of year again. In the works for the past two years, we've revised our renewal schedule to coincide with the calendar year. That's why your renewal will seem to come early this year. Now, both memberships and renewal dues are on the same schedule. This should make it more convenient for you, since you'll be able to get your dues paid before the holiday season rush.

What this means is that you'll receive your dues renewal in the fall for your membership for the next year. It also means that if you do not renew by the end of December, you'll not be receiving the January issue of the LNN.

For your convenience, a new format was developed to make it even easier. A check and a stamp takes care of everything.

Keep the newsletter coming every month — renew promptly.

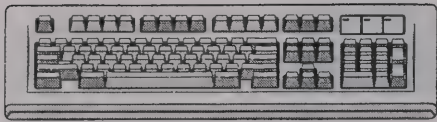
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The President's Keyboard

by Nick Altenbernd, KA1MQX
President, LARC

October! In the northeast it's finally raining what seems like buckets, although total yearly rainfall remains at only about two-thirds average.

The good news is that it's time to renew your LARC membership. We've had an interesting year, and we've emerged with our membership numbers significantly above where they were last January. The total count is about ten up, and we have about 50 applications outstanding at the present time. LARC is growing!

Our members' public service has continued, mainly via Dave VP2EHF and Dorothea VP2EE Mann, our erstwhile members on Anguilla. Dave and Dorothea and their colleagues have provided a model of emergency response to the overactive hurricane season that the Caribbean is having this year. The rest of us have been able to do little but wait and listen, and run the occasional odd bit of traffic. LARC has set up an emergency relief fund for them, and we'll forward the funds or appropriate materiel as soon as we are back in regular contact with them. Please feel free to send in a contribution. As of this morning, September 27, Dave has made an appearance back on the net via the one emergency phone on the island; he expects to have regular service in a couple months. Jay AC6GR reports that Radio Havana's DXers Unlimited (0430-0452Z weekends on 6000kHz) has cited Dorothea as Amateur of the Year for her exemplary emergency service to the Caribbean community. Congratulations, Dorothea! Unhappily, Willie the Electric Cat suffered a lateral fracture to his dignity. He is expected to recover fully, however.

We are also planning a contribution to the Syd-Ans Apartments, the complex that has hosted two LARC Dxpeditions. Anne Edwards, the owner, is active in Anguilla community affairs and service work, and Don WB6LYI received a plea from a friend of hers suggesting that we could help get her own community work back on its feet with a contribution to building repairs. Our delayed DXpedition of earlier this year may be back with her again.

With the resolution of our discussions with the ARRL, LARC has attained ever greater visibility within the ham community. We now publish a classified ad every month in *QST* as well as a quarterly display ad, and we are applying for affiliated-club status with the ARRL. To attain and retain that status at least one-half of our members must be ARRL members. Are you a League member? You should be! The League is ham radio's voice to the federal government and to the international radio regulatory community; it provides a wide range of services and publications to hams, as well as educational and advocacy services to the non-ham community. The face of communications is changing, and the League is doing its best to keep abreast and to lead wherever possible. LARC supports the League in all these activities, and we want to be in a position to make our unique voice heard within the League and hamdom whenever necessary. Our affiliated status will aid and abet that. When you renew your LARC membership, make sure your ARRL membership is up to date as well — or join up.

LARC is a combination of long-time members and supporters of the club, enthusiastic newcomers, and middle-termers who are moving, year by year, to a solid commitment to LARC's long-held principles of public service in the ham community, the gay community, and society at large. And, yes, we have parties. If you've joined very recently (or if you've renewed for more than one year) your membership runs beyond 1995. Otherwise it runs through December of this year. Take a few minutes to fill out the renewal form as soon as you receive it and send it right in.

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Membership Roster

Membership rosters are published several times each year. This summarized roster lists basic member information. If you'd like to receive an in-depth listing, just send a 9" x 12" self-addressed envelope with \$1.90 postage affixed and a custom printed roster will be on its way to you. This way, you can have an updated roster.

Rosters are available only to members of LARC and may NOT be used for any commercial purpose or solicitation. Mail your request TODAY to the address immediately above.

24th Annual OSCAR SKN

by Jim Kelly, KK3K

You're most cordially invited to join in the 24th annual Straight Key Night on OSCAR, sponsored by AMSAT-NA for Amateur Radio satellite enthusiasts worldwide.

It's entirely unofficial: no rules, no scoring and no need to send in a log. Just call CQ SKN in the CW passband segment of any OSCAR satellite from 0000 to 2359 UTC on January 1, 1996, or answer a CQ SKN call from another station. OSCAR Zero (EME) contacts count too. Of course, all SKN operating must be done with a straight hand key.

Those participating are encouraged to nominate someone they worked for recognition as having the "best fist." To send in a "best fist" nomination, please address it via packet to W2RS @ GB7HSN or W2RS @ WA2NDV (whichever is closer to you), via the Internet to amsat.org, or via "snail-mail" to W2RS' callbook address. Those nominated will be featured in a bulletin sent to Amateur Radio publications and posted to packet radio and the Internet in early February.

Only the British

Submitted by Mark Wilcox, KC3XC, Washington DC

The FAA has a device for testing the strength of windshields on airplanes. They point this thing at the windshield of an aircraft and shoot a dead chicken at about the speed the aircraft normally flies. If the windshield doesn't break, it's likely to survive a real collision with a bird during flight.

The British recently built a new locomotive that could pull a train faster than any before it. They were not sure that its windshield was strong enough so they borrowed the testing device from the FAA, reset it to approximate the maximum speed of the locomotive, loaded the dead chicken and fired. The bird went through the windshield, broke the engineers chair, and made a major dent in the back wall of the engine cab.

They were quite surprised with this results, so they asked the FAA to check the test to see if everything was done correctly. The FAA checked everything and suggested that they might want to repeat the test with a thawed bird.

Eyewitness to NY Wildfire

by Rusty N2DLJ, Southampton, New York

After my recent visit to Fire Island, I was driving home, eastward, on my accustomed route, New York State route 27, or "The Sunrise Highway," when I was shunted off of the road by police and fire officials at Suffolk County route 111, the way by which most folks traverse from the Long Island Expressway to the Sunrise Highway on their journeys to and from greater New York and "The Hamptons."

In fact, during most of the last few days, exits 62 through 65, perhaps a twenty-five minute drive, had been closed. The reason: wildfire. In the indigenous pine forests of this area and eastern New Jersey, there are frequent fires, especially when there has been so little rain. I am told that the ecosystem even depends upon being burned to the ground periodically in order to survive. One problem, of course, is the influx of people and new homes in the area, some of which are vulnerable to the fires.

Fortunately, we do not get many major fires. Without consulting any records, I remember as a small child seeing the still smoldering remains of such a forest. Almost nothing remained except a few charred boulders and some gaunt, charcoaled remains of what were once pine trees.

As I made my way home, after I was directed off the highway, I and hundreds of other drivers in both directions continued on our various ways by the old Montauk Highway,

a two lane road which goes through many small towns. At a certain point the local radio announcer said that an evacuation of the airport and New York State Air National Guard base might be necessary. Just then, I saw three, large, military jet fuel tanker trucks lumbering towards safety.

Once I arrived home, I received word from a relative in East Quogue, a place nearer the fire, that a relative would be joining me in the event of general evacuation. I watched the local television news for information. The fire was not in control, and Governor Pataki, US Senator D'amato, and Suffolk County Executive Gafney, were all taking turns answering questions for the press.

Tonight, however, there appears hope that the fire will soon be fully under control. The billowing clouds of smoke on the horizon are not so prominent. Two of the four exits on the Sunrise Highway were re-opened. The inevitable crowd of tourists and second home owners were not to be stopped from reaching the Hamptons.

In case you are wondering, amateur radio did play its customary role as a communications auxiliary during the fire. Amateur radio operators often man shelters for evacuees, and assist the Red Cross.

I must count my blessings that my fellow New Yorkers band together and assist each other so selflessly at such a time.

Renewals are in the mail — please renew your membership promptly!

Anguilla Update

by Dave Mann, VP2EHF

Hi all! This is just a very short note to explain that we have had no phone service, and thus no Internet. I am using the one working phone line in the Emergency Operations Centre at the Airport to send this message, so I will keep it very short. Please accept our apologies from not being more communicative at this time. We are hoping to have telephone service restored to our QTH in another 60 to 90 days. I understand that there are several hundred messages waiting for us to read and answer, so will get on that project ASAP. Thank you all for the kind comments and offers of assistance. We are still working the problem and thus have not had much time to think but want you all to know we appreciate you being there!

We all came through in good shape, including Willie the Electric Cat, who was extremely annoyed that his very favorite patch of sand over toward the west garden received the steel roof panels from the Vista Supermarket. He had to use the sand box inside. Don't know if his dignity will recover this year or not.

Anguilla received a lot of damage including houses and buildings being blown away. All of the infrastructure (electricity, water supply, telecommunications, roads, airport) suffered terrific damage. Fortunately, there were no deaths and only a few injuries. The various tourist places are working very hard to restore operations in time for the tourist season's start. Except for some familiar beach restaurants which were destroyed, almost all of the tourist accommodations are relatively intact.

The local ham community really worked hard on this storm. We were fortunate to have 3 extra Icom IC-2A HT's which went to equip 3 local guys who had gotten their licenses but did not have radios yet. Also, we used 2 of the solar panels ripped from the roof and two 25-amp gel cell batteries to equip VP2EL (Elrick, a local electrician) and VP2EDJ (Jimmy, a local cabinetmaker) with some extra power for their mobile 2-meter rigs. Their cars were damaged, so the mobiles went into their QTH as a base rig. Bob, VP2EBR and Dorothea, VP2EE, operated HF radios; one on long-haul traffic and the other on local 80 meter nets. VP2EL was using the AARS's loner HF radio, a Yaesu FT-101, but the wind carried away the antennas along with part of his house.

Sitting here in the E.O.C. tonight is very strange ... usually Wallblake airport at this time is full of people waiting for the evening American Eagle flight. The EOC, of course, has been full of operators and Royal Marines. The only sound I can hear at this moment is the big 30KW generator that keeps the lights on and the control tower functioning. Looking out of the windows, there are few lights on ... just the security lights at the electric plant, one of the warning lights on the top of the Cable and Wireless tower, and some lights in the distance where people have their own generators or lanterns. No phone rings, no TV, no cars, no people talking, no planes, no dogs barking. Somewhere there will be a rooster getting ready for a 3am wake up call ... if not it just couldn't be Anguilla.

Donations to the Bobby Martin, VP2MO Fund

In the September issue we reported on the Bobby Martin Fund, to support the education of a Montserrat ham's children following a terrible accident that took the life of their mother, and left their father in serious condition. The funds can be deposited through any Barclay's Bank, but Barclay's in the

United States is not capable of functioning as a "bank" in the necessary sense. You can send a check direct to Barclay's PLC, P.O. Box 131, Plymouth, Montserrat. Mark on the check "Bobby Martin VP2MO Fund".

LARC Welcomes New Members

Gary Norman, AB1I, Granby, CT
Ralph Thorn, N2KEA, Bayport, NY
John Chamberlain, W2NK, Tarpon Springs, FL
Anthony Dino, KE3ME, Bushkill, PA
Domi Sanchez, N3RGI, Silver Spring, MD
Wayne Houser, KQ4EG, Knoxville, TN
Tullie Keen, KD4MGM, Atlanta, GA
Ivan Bailen, KC4TBC, Louisville, KY
Harry Mitchell, KE4YQC, Titusville, FL
Steve Spaniol, KK5GA, Houston, TX
James Kelsey, KB5HKH, Dallas, TX
Leah Shirokoff, KE6MMU, Kagel Canyon, CA

Joshua Koestenbaum, WA6TFK, Minneapolis, MN
Richard Slater, N6VSF, Ridgcrest, CA
Ronald Packard, N8FCX, Grand River, OH
Jerry Hill, K8SZO, Battle Creek, MI
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Dick Freeze, NØOYH, Sunnyvale, CA
Tim Hopkins, KAØQDX, Lincoln, NE
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Jens Klein, DL8YDK, Gernersheim, Germany
Chris Ashby, G4AYT, Whitstable, Great Britain
Tony Jones, G4IPR, Brighton, Great Britain
Robin Walker, G7SLV, Basingtoke, Great Britain

KK3K's Uplink

by Jim Kelly, KK3K

Living in a congested, inner-city neighborhood in a row house presents its share of difficulties for hams like myself. First, there is the obvious problem with antenna space. No "Beverage" antennas, no 160 meter dipole, no 75/80 meter sloper, rather, barely enough room to erect a shortened 40/15 meter trap dipole — that is, if you don't mind bending in the ends to conform to the roof space allotted. Of course, there are ways to get around this problem. I learned early on in my ham career just how well an HF vertical antenna works on most bands, particularly if you get the vertical up in the air. I worked DXCC using 100 watts and a vertical during my first year or so of hamming. I still use the same vertical now for 75, 80 and 40 meters. It works great. I also managed to cram a small 20/15/10 meter beam onto the roof. It's mounted with a rotor on top of a 10 foot tower. It's not really high enough (at about 30 feet) to produce all of the gain it should, but it is effective and in most cases it provides improved performance over the vertical on 20/15/10. So, I am pretty well set up antenna-wise on HF, even though I live in a row house.

Space for antennas is not the only problem that the inner-city ham has to deal with. There's the problem of RFI & TVI. Luckily, I've encountered few problems here. But then I long ago gave up on the idea of running high power on HF. This is pretty much out of the question when you've got so many devices within such close proximity that are susceptible to front end overload. My neighbor on one side, for example, is a retired gentleman who has not upgraded his television set in 20 years. And, unlike the neighbor on the other side, my retired friend does not subscribe to cable TV, where interference seems not to be a problem. Rather, my retired friend still uses a standard roof-mounted TV antenna with his old set. So it was no big surprise one day when he complained about my HF transmissions coming through his TV set.

I'm confident that my station is clean. I use a brute low pass filter and try to keep my antennas in good working order. Moreover, my own TV set, which is located in the same

room with my ham gear, is perfectly clean when I transmit, so when my neighbor had this problem with my transmissions coming through his set I was pretty confident that it was a classic case of an old TV receiver with inadequate shielding: "front end overload."

Now, how do you handle this problem with a neighbor that you like a lot (or one that you don't!)? Here's what I did. First, I immediately acknowledged his complaint and promised that I'd immediately check into the matter. Then, I kept my word and checked out my station just in case there was something amiss. When the station checked out OK, I met with my neighbor and discussed the problem with him. I assured him that my equipment was functioning properly and explained to him the nature of the front end overload problem. While I knew that it is his responsibility to purchase a high-pass filter, I went ahead and gave him an inexpensive filter from my junk box that he could install where the 300 Ohm antenna lead attaches to his set. I hoped that this would do the trick. My neighbor installed the filter and we agreed that he would monitor the TV channel where the interference occurred during my next scheduled period of HF activity. Then he'd let me know whether or not the filter worked.

A day or two after the big test, I got an envelope from my neighbor. Inside the envelope was a thank you note stating how well the filter worked. My neighbor's TV interference problem was cured, at least for the time being. He also included a twenty dollar bill "to cover the cost of the filter." This was way too much money; the filter only cost a couple of bucks. So I returned eighteen dollars to my neighbor, told him that I was glad we'd cured the TVI problem, and asked him to let me know if and when he experiences any more TVI/RFI problems.

So far, so good. I'm pleased that we were able to work out the problem so easily. When you live in a big city neighborhood, you've got to make an extra effort to get along with your neighbors, especially if you're an active ham!

CQ Introduces New VHF Magazine

CQ Communications, Inc., publishers of *CQ* magazine, will introduce a new magazine called *CQ VHF*, Publisher Richard Ross, K2MGA, announced. Aimed at ham radio operators active on frequencies above 50 MHz, *CQ VHF* will be available by subscription and on newsstands as of mid-December, 1995.

"While all of the current ham magazines provide some coverage to VHF, their prime focus remains the HF market," Ross continued. "*CQ VHF* will serve the specific needs and interests of hams whose operational and technical interests exist above 50 MHz."

According to Moseson, the new magazine will cover "the full spectrum of VHF and UHF ham radio, from FM repeaters to the high-tech frontiers of microwave and laser communications. There will be a mix of articles for the new ham as well as the more experienced operator."

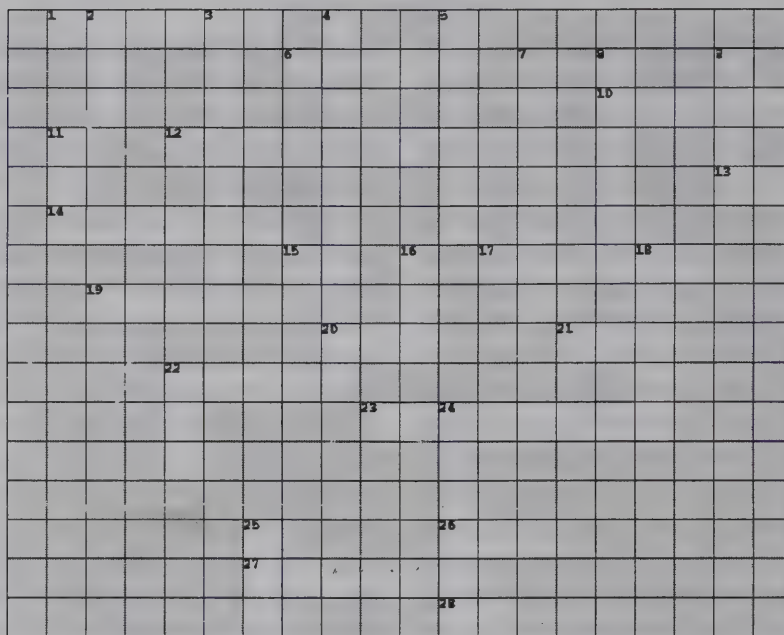
Articles in *CQ VHF* will cover both operating and technical topics. Features slated for the premiere issue include two articles on repeater

basics and a review of Radio Shack's HTX-212 2-meter mobile transceiver, as well as articles on "Passive Repeater Linking," "A Modular Approach to Building a VHF Weak-Signal Station" and an introduction to Sporadic-E propagation by 6-meter authority Ken Neubeck, WB2AMU. Other authors scheduled for the first issue include *CQ* veterans Lew McCoy, W1ICP, and Dave Ingram, K4TWJ, along with Barry Baines, WD4ASW, writing about satellites, and Communications Quarterly Senior Technical Editor Peter Bertini, K1ZJH.

The magazine will be published monthly beginning with the March, 1996, issue. Subscriptions will be \$21.95 for 12 issues, with an introductory rate for charter subscribers of \$19.95. Single issues will be priced at \$2.95.

The editors of the new magazine may be reached via e-mail to CQVHF@aol.com or by mail to *CQ VHF* magazine, 76 N. Broadway, Hicksville, NY 11801.

LARC Crossword #1



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1. Store & forward ham satellite
6. Top-Op license
10. Puts up ham satellites
12. Ham gathering in Ohio
13. Where the League is
14. Beginner license
15. Portable radio
17. Location of largest ham convention
19. Satellites are called _____
20. No more closets
21. Device used for packet radio
22. Rabble-rouser ham publisher
23. Shared radio system
26. Record of contacts
27. Domain for LARC E-Mail reflector
28. No-coders hate _____

DOWN

2. Ham television
3. A better license
4. Operating from a distant QTH
5. Spouse membership in LARC
7. Most U.S. hams' license
8. Digital communication mode
9. Club for gay hams
11. LARC's newsletter
16. Leading ham publication
18. Most popular satellite still active
22. Happy homosexuals
24. A kind of service
25. Cards collected

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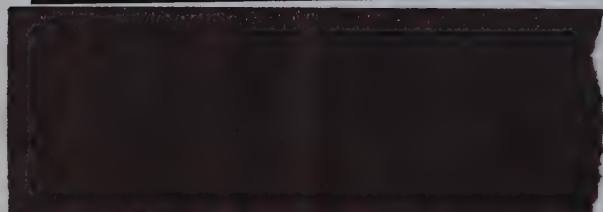


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"I had a chat this afternoon, at about 2200Z, with Dorothea, VP2EE. She reports that she and Dave are OK. Although she sounded very tired as she was passing health and welfare traffic. Dorothea says everything is "mowed down" like someone went thru with a giant lawn mower. Their house had the windows blown out and sustained considerable damage from water. She was operating from the basement apartment and said the upstairs was such a mess she didn't even want to go up there! They lost all of their antennas. All of their towers are down except one which had no antennas on it. She was operating with an R-7 vertical. Earlier in the afternoon she had lost the final in her IC735 and was down to one radio. A spare was offered by a VE2 station and will be shipped. An additional generator arrived this afternoon otherwise she would be QRT because their little generator couldn't handle the load. The airport is open for emergency traffic. Food and water are in short supply. There are numerous unsurmountable problems which, unfortunately, we can't do much to help with. Also, she is out of cigarettes and may become a non-smoker. HI! VP2EE can be found on the United Nations net on 14.268 MHz or passing traffic on 14.242 MHZ."

N5KLC Recovers

LARC member Roy Farmer, N5KLC, suffered a stroke on August 2nd and was subsequently hospitalized for three days before being transferred to a nursing home. Not long after, he suffered a second stroke, which caused him to fracture his right hip and he was sent back to the hospital for a hip replacement. Roy is now back in a nursing home and his release was expected around September 1st.

After days of physical therapy, his prognosis for walking again is not good. His radio shack has been rearranged to accomodate him and his wheel chair nicely. Roy's speech is improving daily. Norm, his life mate of forty-three years, is by his side at all times. LARC members are encouraged to drop a note via U.S. Mail or E-Mail at AOL address: TATTOO 3950

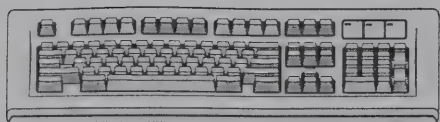
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The President's Keyboard

by Nick Altenbernd, KA1MQX
President, LARC

Last month I grumped about the low quality of 90% of the Internet. This month, I have ample opportunity to talk about the other 10%.

Our email reflector has been active and informative the past couple weeks on conditions in the Caribbean. I emailed Dave VP2EHF and Dorothea VP2EE Mann, in Anguilla, in mid-August to ask for any information they could provide on volcanic conditions on Montserrat, and to offer communication to the Montserrat community in Boston (largest off-island). Dave responded with some information on the evacuation effort, the emergency radio net that was being activated, and a few other details. For volcano updates, he said, they rely on the Web, out of the University of Washington.

I webbed from the UW's volcano page, and located a worldwide active-volcano watch at Michigan Technological University:

<http://www.geo.mtu.edu/volcanoes/>

For Montserrat updates:

<http://www.geo.mtu.edu/volcanoes/west.indies/soufriere>

As of September 9, the last post was Sept 6, following a hiatus of 6 days; the delays are undoubtedly due to the passage of several recent hurricanes and tropical storms. Before Luis's arrival, the Montserratians were already in evacuation mode, due to the possibility of eruptions in the Soufriere Hills. There has been a major mudslide, an entirely new vent opened, and the vent we visited in 1993 is now apparently a gaping chasm. If there is a magmatic eruption, I suppose it's possible the Great Alp Falls, which is just downstream from that vent, could be obliterated. The many photos we took at the vent are historical documents now.

Dave and Dorothea have been absent from email for several days. Mark KC3XC tells me that they have to dial into Antigua for their 'net connection, and the undersea cables are probably torn out right now. My "Ping" finds their provider, and "Finger" says that they last logged in on August 29. Jim Keeth AF9A has posted several reports of both hearing and finally talking to Dorothea on the air, even though they currently have no electricity, no antennas, no windows. Luis mowed them flat.

This is upsetting information to receive, of course, but it's comforting to know that our friends are alive and functioning, and getting the word out. The 'Net has been a real blessing here, but ham radio has proven even more durable than the 'Net!

Dave also reported that, in the process of setting up an emergency communications center in Cork Hill, Montserrat, there was an accident which took the life of Bobby Martin VP2MO's wife. Bobby was evacuated to a U.S. Navy hospital in Antigua, and was fighting for his own life there. A scholarship fund for his children's education has been established at Barclay's Bank. Contributions may be made at any Barclay's to the "Bobby Martin VP2MO Fund". LARC is making a contribution, and we encourage others to do so as well.

Finally, some administrative news. Doc Kinne has had to resign his position as secretary of LARC. Like many young, enthusiastic, idealistic people, Doc thinks he has the energy to do the work of three, but can only actually manage for about two and a half. Doc has a work obligation to network the entire Northern Tier which has kept him running 14 hours a day — 16 now that the students are back. I have valued his input to Executive Committee discussions, and look forward to his continued participation in LARC. Joe Greenberg K2BIG has permitted himself to

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be armtwisted into accepting the position of Vice-President, which was vacated by my succession to President in May. Joe brings an interesting lifetime's experience to the EC, and is open and honest in expressing his opinions. He will be handling the secretarial duties — mainly membership applications — until we have a new secretary appointed.

LARC is now headed by an entirely non-elected Executive Committee. I serve by succession, and the other members by appointment. I am not comfortable with this situation, but it is certainly better than anarchy. How would our members have cared to face three general-election ballots within the space of a couple months? I think this proves the common sense of LARC's Constitution and By-laws — and, if the EC conduct ourselves well, the wisdom of this system. And the December 1996 elections are just around the corner.

Net Newsbits

From Jim Keeth (AF9A): I see LARC is now listed in the Queer Resources Directory (QRD) on the Internet. There is a red NEW sign next to the entry which makes it hard to miss! Good work guys. The URL is:

<http://matrix.casti.com:80/qrd/www/qmedia.html>

From Mark Wilcox (KC3XC): If you haven't yet checked out this URL on Anguilla, you should:

<http://www.prairienet.org/~lkhays/anguilla.html>

It not only brings back memories of our trip, it also tells the story of a very recent visit. Recent enough so that these folks didn't escape questions about O.J. from the natives!

Gay ARRL Employee Profiled in QST

LARC members should take special note of the "Behind the Diamond" column which appears on page 61 of the September issue of QST magazine. The column appears each month and features a person on the ARRL headquarters staff. The article is about one half a page in length and includes a picture of the individual. The text describes the person's job at the ARRL as well as other ham related interests and activities.

In the September issue, Bob Inderbitzen (NQ1R), assistant to the manager of the ARRL Educational Activities Department, is the subject of the column. According to the column, Bob "helps maintain the large array of services ARRL offers to Amateur Radio newcomers, instructors, school teachers, and recruiters...(and) conducts educational workshops and youth forums from time to time." He has worked at ARRL headquarters since 1991.

The article goes on to discuss Bob's background, career interests, and hobby interests, but the final paragraph should be of great interest to every LARC member. It reads: "Bob has become an Amateur Radio mainstay in the communication work at the Boston Marathon, too. He is actively involved with the Hartford Connecticut Gay and Lesbian Community Center, and performs comedy as part of a theater repertoire he has co-founded, called "Group Therapy." The group has raised money for various support groups and AIDS-relief organizations. He lives in New Britain, Connecticut, with his partner, Michael Bower."

This is the first time that QST has profiled a member of a sexual minority including references to their gay and lesbian related activities and their same sex life-partner. As LARC members learned on the LARC internet email reflector that this profile of an ARRL employee included the information that he is a volunteer for a gay and lesbian community center

and that he lives with his male partner, reactions were jubilant.

This is an important watershed development for members of sexual minorities who are hams. As LARC Treasurer Jim Kelly (KK3K) wrote to ARRL Executive Vice President Dave Sumner (K1ZZ): "It is tremendously important that the activities and lives of members of sexual minorities be portrayed honestly and openly in the media. This is an important factor in breaking down barriers and stereotypes which stand in the way of fair and equal treatment for all individuals regardless of their sexual orientation. I acknowledge the significance of this "Behind The Diamond" column, and I congratulate and thank you and the management of the League for including this honest portrayal of your employee in QST."

Congratulations are also certainly in order for Bob Inderbitzen (NQ1R) for his courage in leading his life in an honest and openly gay manner. Mark Wilson (AA2Z), the editor of QST wrote in response to KK3K's comments that "The content of the profile was completely up to Bob. Bob has always been open about his life, and I had no problem running it if he didn't." The ARRL is lucky to have such a valuable employee.

Bob (NQ1R) is an inspiration to us all, especially in these times when some of our fellow gay and lesbian hams wanted to return to the closet and take LARC with them. But it's LARC's visibility and public service work that has helped pave the way for tolerance of sexual minorities in ham radio. This work is important and it must continue if we are to make space for hams like Bob Inderbitzen to lead their lives openly and honestly both within and without amateur radio.

KK3K's Uplink

by Jim Kelly, KK3K

Last month (August) my life-partner Dan and I once again spent the month in the lovely predominately gay Long Island seashore community the Fire Island Pines. There are many small towns out on Fire Island, but only two of them are predominantly or exclusively gay and lesbian. Cherry Grove is an exclusively gay and lesbian community with a large lesbian presence. The homes are older and smaller than those in The Pines. Drag shows are common, and "The Grove" is home to a fun, unpretentious set of people, many of whom are "regulars" that have called Cherry Grove their summer home for decades. The Pines is a larger community that is mixed, gay and some straights. The homes are newer, larger, and many are spectacular architecturally. Celebrities are known to own homes in The Pines, for example, Calvin Klein. The gay presence is predominantly young, affluent males. But the real attraction, at least to me, of the gay communities on Fire Island, is the gay positive atmosphere combined with the natural beauty of the Fire Island seashore, which is a national recreation area. There are no cars out in the Grove or the Pines. The island is no more than a sandbar and it's only a city block or so wide from ocean to bay. The beaches are beautiful and the dunes are home to deer herds and much other wildlife, including several endangered species (rich, eligible, good looking types?).

This year out on Fire Island we got more excitement than we bargained for thanks to hurricane Felix. Even though the storm did not directly hit Long Island, it churned up huge storm tides and high waves which caused severe beach erosion and made swimming impossible. Plans were made to evacuate our little barrier island, and it looked for a time as if we might need to beat a hasty retreat from our vacation paradise. Luckily, Felix finally went away and everyone breathed a sigh of relief. Several beautiful beach front houses suffered damage, and the beach will need sand replenishment again soon, but that was the worst from Felix. In spite of the storm threat, we were still able to entertain guests, and the highlights of the month included visits from LARC members Nick (KA1MQX), Rusty (N2DLJ), and prospective LARC member Ralph Thorn (N2KEA).

I didn't bring much ham equipment with me to Fire Island this year. Last year I brought my portable Oscar 13 station and I had a great deal of fun working my satellite-enthusiast friends and I even worked a new DX country while on the Island. But this year, Oscar 13's antennas were not oriented favorably during August. They have to periodically adjust the

orientation of the satellite's solar panels as the seasons change so as to keep AO-13's batteries charged. Unfortunately, this means that at certain times of the year, the satellite's antennas point away from earth. Roughly, we have two months of favorable antenna orientation alternating with two months of unfavorable orientation. You can still work through the satellite during the unfavorable orientation periods, but conditions are poor for most of the orbit. Therefore, I didn't feel like it was worth the effort to bring the entire portable station out to the island. Instead, I brought my little Sony portable SW receiver along so that I could at least monitor the ham and broadcast bands. Conditions on HF appear to be pretty poor for the most part. One would expect this at this part of the cycle and during summer. But fall is just around the corner and conditions should improve steadily from now on.

I also brought my laptop computer with me out to the Island so that I could keep in touch with friends and keep current with my email. I also got quite a bit of work done on a graduate seminar research paper I'm writing and I got a jump start on preparations for the Political Science course I'll be teaching at Temple University this fall. Needless to say, I'm going to be real busy starting in September. I think it's funny how totally computer-dependent I've become! I never go anywhere for more than a few hours without toting along my laptop. The computer is the first thing I turn on in the morning and the last thing I turn off at night. Guess I'm hooked but good!

When I was out on Fire Island I read email on the larc@seta.fi reflector about the "Behind The Diamond" column in the September issue of QST. I was very pleased to learn that this profile of an ARRL employee included the information that he is a volunteer for a gay and lesbian community center and that he lives with his male partner. It is tremendously important that the activities and lives of members of sexual minorities be portrayed honestly and openly in the media. This is an important factor in breaking down barriers and stereotypes which stand in the way of fair and equal treatment for all individuals, regardless of their sexual orientation. I acknowledge the significance of this "Behind The Diamond" column, and I congratulate and thank Mark Wilson (AA2Z), the editor of QST, and the management of the League for including this honest portrayal of their employee in QST.

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Volcano Threat And Tragedy In Montserrat

by Dave Mann (VP2EHF)

We have been getting fairly reliable information via the VP2M and V22A repeaters and through relay from the V44K repeater. You may have heard that Bobby Martin (VP2MO) and His wife were involved in a deadly accident. Mrs Martin was received into The Loving Arms of Jesus almost immediately; Bobby is struggling for life at the Antigua trauma center at the US Navy Base. He was on a respirator and had several broken limbs. According to reports by other hams on the scene, they were on their way with equipment to organize another radio location during the Cork Hill evacuation when the accident occurred. We do obtain some pretty good volcano information from the Volcano Place at the University of Washington in the USA. We also found out that a Martin Family Scholarship fund has been set up for Bobby Martins' children's education ... according to the local

3.815 net, all one need do is go to the local Barclay's Bank and make the deposit to the "Bobby Martin VP2MO Fund" and put your name, address and ham callsign on the deposit slip. All Barclays banks received a telex telling them about the situation and this method of collecting money is common here in this part of the world, being escrowed by the banks, and so forth. As I get more information I'll pass it along, since some USA hams might want to send a green stamp of two.

(NOTE: Montserrat was the site of LARC's 1993 DXpedition. While we were there, local VP2M hams treated us very well. The LARC Executive Committee has authorized a \$50 contribution from the LARC treasury to go to the Martin Family Scholarship Fund.)

K2BIG New LARC Vice President

by Joe Greenberg, K2BIG

I consider it quite an honor to be asked to be your current vice president. For those of you who don't know me, I shall give you some background.

I became a ham in 1958. At that time, my novice call was KN2BIG and six months later, I successfully passed the test for general and got my current call K2BIG. I have always found the H.F. bands fascinating, in both CW and SSB. In my first year, I won a section award in the Sweepstakes from ARRL, Mode A1. Eventually this lead me to other interesting things, such as being an Official Relay Station and an Official Observer Station. I was active in the 3905 Century Club for many years and was also President of the Yonkers Amateur Radio Club, back in the 60's. Over the years due to pressing business concerns, I was not too active, though I held onto all my equipment which is the Collins S Line. I most recently purchased a two meter HT, but as yet have not gotten to use it, having little knowledge of the VHF type of communications.

I was educated in high school at The Oxford Academy, which then took me to other fields in several universities and colleges, where I have degrees in Accounting, Business, Industrial Psychology. I had my own businesses in Electronics and Commercial Laundries. I recently took a retirement package from an International Wire and Cable Company where I had worked as a cost accountant, administrator and computer support specialist. I currently work for an exporter, in computer support and business administration.

I am the father of a son, who is an engineer in Silicon Valley, a daughter who lives in Canada, and the grandfather

of her son. I became involved in the fight for the rights of minorities in the mid-1960's and was one of the people who marched with Dr. Martin Luther King down in Selma, Alabama. I became involved with LARC in early 1982 when I happened by chance to meet Jim Kelly, and he explained to me what LARC was all about and what it's aims and goals were. I felt this was another group where I could make a contribution, to the rights of sexual minorities. I have a strong belief that all people are equal, regardless of the color of their skin, their religion, their politics or their sexual orientation. I have always felt that you just can't let someone else do it, that you have to get involved, one way or another. I believe that each individual brings something to our club, and each helps to make it what it is. Rights are hard to achieve by one individual, but the collective effort of many, will achieve these rights. I believe that we as individuals have to stand up to the forces that seek to put us back where we were prior to Stonewall, in 1969.

I think the club has made some great strides forward in its struggle for the rights of sexual minorities, yet we still have a long way to go, but we're on the right track. Our biggest problems will not only be from religious groups but from people within some sexual minority groups who wish to hide behind barriers, or go back to where we were 27 years ago. It is up to us to see that this does not happen. We have to stand up for what we believe in, basically the right of all to be recognized by the majority, as a part of the majority.

DX in the Tropics: VP2E Hamcation

UPDATE! Caribbean Island Apartment for Hamcation Rental in Anguilla, BWI

Location: The apartment is located above Little Harbour on the side of South Hill. It is in the lower part of a private home (Dave and Dorothea's). The apartment has its own porch, two captain's beds, a desk operating position for ham radio, a kitchenette with mini-fridge, stove, sink, microwave, full bathroom with shower and closets. There are ceiling fans, built-in bookcase with books, a clock radio, dishes, and cooking/eating utensils. Maid service is provided.

Rates: The rates are US\$90 per day plus 8% government tax (total US\$97.20 per day) for up to two people.

Deposit: 25% of total bill. If you cancel at least 30-days prior to your scheduled visit, we will refund your deposit in full.

Payment: Cash or check. We are unable to accept credit cards.

Rental Cars: We can arrange for you. Cost is US\$35 per day, depending on season. The car rental agency takes credit cards and needs to see your U.S. driving license when you pick up the car. They will give you a temporary Anguillian driver's license, which costs US\$6. Driving is on the left side, but it is not difficult to get used to as there is not much traffic in Anguilla.

Getting Here: The easiest way is through San Juan, Puerto Rico. American Airlines runs American Eagle service from San Juan direct to Anguilla and takes about 55 minutes. There are two flights a day, one in the morning and the other at night. Flights leaving Anguilla are in the morning and in the afternoon.

Ham License: A VP2E license costs US\$39.06 at this time for a stroke callsign (VP2E/yourcall). A regular VP2E callsign costs double, but only needs to be held by one in a group. We can arrange it or take you to the license office so you can do it yourself. There is only one license class here, which gives all emission and frequency privileges. License fees are scheduled to rise in January 1995 to US\$46.50 (cash payment) or US\$48.36 paid by cheque).

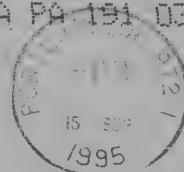
Equipment: Bring your own rig or rent one from us. The ham position is equipped with an RM35A Astron 35 amp power supply with meters and a banana-jack power strip. We supply an antenna tuner, dummy load, antenna switches, ICE bandpass filters on all bands, a 2-meter voice and packet radio, and a packet TNC. Antennas include: Mosley Pro54 (10, 12, 15, 17, & 20 meters) yagi, Cushcraft CD40 (2 element, 40 meter) yagi, Optimized 4-element 6 meter yagi, Cushcraft R7 vertical (10-40 meters), and an 80-160 meter Windom wire antenna. Electrical supply is 120-volts AC, 60 Hz. The rental rig is an Icom IC-735 with optional CW filters and CW keyer and rents for \$25 per day.

Contact: A complete packet of information including photos is available from LARC members Dorothea (VP2EE) or Dave (VP2EHF) Mann, P.O. Box 599, Anguilla, British West Indies. Phone: (809) 497-2150, FAX: (809) 497-3557, or E-Mail: 74227.3127@compuserve.com

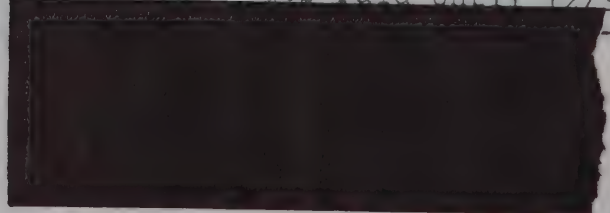
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LARC is on the WEB — Part 3

by Stuart Hill (GØBEV, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England)

The other gay resource worthy of mention is Usenet. This pre-dates the Web by a long way and has its roots right back at the inception of the Internet. It can be most simply thought of as a global bulletin board, organised into subject areas in both a geographical and hierarchical fashion. There are literally thousands of such groups — my local site carries almost 5000 of them and there are quite a few more. Here gays and radio amateurs are also well served. I won't go into the details of Usenet itself as this would need far too much space, but there are such well known amateur radio groups such as:

rec.radio.amateur.antennas
rec.radio.amateur.homebrew
rec.radio.amateur.digital
rec.radio.amateur.space

to mention but four. Gays also have a good representation here too, and I was pleased to find that there is also a very new UK group:

uk.gay-lesbian-bi

which has a specific and local flavour as opposed to longer established ones such as soc.motss or alt.homosexual and many others.

There is also a UK-specific amateur radio newsgroup: uk.radio.amateur

These are examples of groups intended to serve specific geographical areas — the US and Canada have even larger numbers of them. Whether you would be able to access any given one yourself (given the required resources of course) depends on the policy of your service provider; if they don't, you could always ask them to see if it can be arranged, though be prepared for a frosty answer in some instances if you ask for such 'interesting' groups as: alt.binaries.erotica.*** — many system operators reserve and exercise their right not to carry such Newsgroups!

You may legitimately ask if all of this is getting away from the original spirit of amateur radio — indeed many already have. Perhaps in one sense it is, but I think this is a luddite approach and really not in the experimental ethos of amateur radio. Better I think is to embrace what is new and instead of trying to ignore it, mold it to our own purpose and make best use of what it can do for us — we can learn from how the Internet operates to enhance our own amateur digital networks, for example, and in the case of gays, use it to make ourselves better know and dispel myths, replacing them with honest, open fact and information. The climate in 'Cyberspace' is in the main more open, less judgemental, more tolerant. It's up to us to take advantage of it — others will if we don't!

North Coast Chapter News

by Brian DeWitt, N8VTA

For the second year, the North Coast Chapter did a public service net for Cleveland's Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Pride March on June 17. Six hams joined in the effort: Janice N8TYV, Doug KB8TGT, Brian N8VTA, Ron N8FCX, Ray N8KBF, and Ray's friend James KG8DZ. Jean King, a former co-worker of Doug's who is interested in ham radio, also joined us.

Each year, the event organizers rent low power business-band HTs for communications on the festival grounds, at Public Square in the center of downtown. These radios, however, can't reach from Public Square to the march stepoff 22 blocks east. So, we provide a link between the stepoff rally, the march enroute, and the festival HQ.

Events went very smoothly from our perspective, especially since a last-minute permit snafu shortened the march to only nine blocks. Janice directed the net from atop a parking garage from which she could see most of the route. Doug and Jean were backstage at the festival, and the rest of us were among the marchers. We started on the LARC 2m simplex frequency, but intermod chased us to a 440 frequency, which worked well amid the buildings and noise sources downtown.

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The Internet is everywhere! *QST* has just published a two-part article of considerable technical complexity on The Worldwide Web. We're finishing up our three-parter, which is more concerned with the information to be found at sites concerning ham radio and gay society. The Web crosses and recrosses itself and, sure enough, gay society and ham radio intersect at two LARC homepages.

During the summer my office is fairly quiet and I spend time crawling all over the world: computer literacy and 'Net facility are important skills to MIT administrators, after all! I've stumbled across and bookmarked a couple of those "Mother of All Web Indexes" sites, and they're always good for burning up a few hours of time.

But what's out there? Well, not much. There's a good bit of information, a certain quantity of data, but not much knowledge. On the MacNeil-Lehrer Newshour this past week, Charlayne Hunter-Gault has been interviewing a clutch of net mavens about "Cyberspace." Her first question is always "what does 'cyberspace' mean to you?" The experts are all gently dismissive of the term. Then as they start to define it, they warm up to the concept, and soon they are predicting (among other things) dire stratification of our society — computer haves and have-nots, job opportunities assured or irrevocably lost, an essential Young Cybernauts' Network that'll make the Old Boys' Network look like sandlot softball.

Well, I'm still waiting. I'd say that about 90 per cent or more of what I crawl across on the Web and the Net is essentially useless material. Most of it is deadily dull as well, a far greater offense! In that way, though, the 'Net is very traditional. Browse the magazine racks (actually, their amusement potential is far higher); check out your local Barnes & Noble; survey the latest cds of your preferred kind of music; watch the latest videos and movies — without falling asleep if you can. Ninety per cent useless is about average.

Knowledge? Hardly. All that available information is in raw form. It has to be put to good use — to be made knowledge — to have a chance of rising over the threshold into the 91st percentile. No abacus-with-pretensions can do that for you. Your brain has to do it. Net facility only gains you access to all that data. You have to winnow it, reconnect it, and finally, create something new with it. The Net is essentially a modest-sized (it's growing) reference library. If it's working right, you might be able to use it faster than a card catalogue, but you finally have to write the thesis yourself.

Essential? No. The head of my department is a world-famous author (seventeen weeks on the New York Times best-seller list) and a well-respected cosmologist (experiments on Hubble). He won't have email. Does someone else do it for him? Well, I process about a half-dozen emails a year for him, most of them passing on his voicemail number. His thought is clear and concentrated enough that the written — that is typed — or spoken — telephone — word is sufficient. No data stream is necessary. One of Hunter-Gault's interviewees said that no computer will ever replace the compactness, portability, and convenience of a printed book (she should have mentioned ease on the eyes as well!). Boy, that sounded good to me! I'm also partial to musical instruments with real strings and felt, and tables made of real wood. In fact, my computer sits on one.

The Boston Tower Record Store has a huge magazine rack covering an almost incomprehensible array of subject matter. A monthly browse always turns up

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President's Keyboard

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Something new, sometimes something interesting. This month I stumbled across Hobo Times, America's Journal of Wanderlust. I grabbed it real fast. The magazine is published by the American Hobo Association, Inc. (these are establishment hoboes!). Their editorial policy is "not to encourage freight train riding..." but that's a certain amount of their subject matter. Most of the photography is good amateur work, although there is one father-and-son picture in this issue that is exceptionally beautiful. There's a strong cross-pollination with rail-fan magazines, but the magazine (and its community, I suppose) is small enough that individual hoboes use it to sell cassettes of their songs and stories — information made knowledge. No sign of ham radio here yet, but scanners show up regularly. And guess what: the American Hobo Association has addresses on the 'Net, AOL, and Compuserve. The Internet is everywhere!

North Coast Chapter News

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Following the shortened march — it only took about 30 minutes — we closed the net and spent the rest of the afternoon enjoying the festival. The next North Coast public service event will be the Cleveland AIDS Walk on September 24.

Recently it was announced that ARRL President George Wilson (W4OYI) has resigned the ARRL presidency due to health-related reasons. It was clear from reports earlier this year that he had suffered a serious stroke. So I was not surprised that he has stepped down. Serious strokes are certainly life-threatening. And even if someone survives a serious stroke, chances are they'll never fully recover. Paralysis and severe depression are just some of the lasting effects that my own mother has had to deal with in the years since her stroke. She had to undergo rehabilitation. Now she can walk only short distances and she has not regained the use of her left arm. So I'm sure that George Wilson will likewise have to undergo extensive rehabilitation. He's got a tough road ahead of him, and I wish him well in the days and months ahead as he struggles back toward resuming as normal a life as possible. I suspect that ham radio will continue to play an important role in his life and it will help him in those difficult times when he will need cheering up. And it will also provide a sense

Northwest News

by Wayne Schuler, AI9Q

Busy weekend here recently. Our little club hit a new all time membership record of 226 this month at the meeting Friday evening. Saturday I ran the electronics flea market, then VE testing, then a memorial service for a silent key member. July 9 was the bunny hunt. We sure keep busy. Generally have a couple events each weekend. Other members doing a Horse-a-Thon this weekend. Next month a special event station and club picnic. Come join us, should be a lot of fun. After all the flak I got last year over the LARC QST article, I was amazed to be a 'write-in' president and Ham of the Year. Now our club just won the Club of the Year award at Sea-Pac hamfair. We also do a TV series on ham radio. I'll be the guest next month. [So what are YOU doing? —Ed.]

Eyeball QSO

by Rusty Hubbard, N2DLJ

Today, I had a very nice lunch and get-together with Bill, WA2YMW, whom I had not met previously. He, Ralph, N2KEA (not yet in Lambda officially) are the completely unofficial local chapter of Lambda. We are enjoying our non-existence (humor intended). I am also on packet radio at N2DLJ@KC2FD.NY.USA.NA — if I get the hierarchical address correct. I have a telephone modem link into KC2FD-4, but manage to work him via nodes since my antenna is not up to speed yet. Just finished building a little Ten Tec receiver board kit and was listening to DX on it with a 30 foot wire antenna in the attic.

KK3K's Uplink

by Jim Kelly

of mobility that will help make up for that which his stroke took away. Perhaps ham radio will be more valuable to George now that it's ever been in the past. He's worked hard on behalf of the hobby, so now maybe the hobby can give him a lift when he needs it most. I certainly hope so.

A recent ARRL bulletin announced that Rod Stafford (KB6ZV), the ARRL First Vice President, would now replace George Wilson as ARRL President. Stafford, who is also an attorney as is Wilson, has been acting president since George Wilson's stroke. I've never met Rod Stafford, but I believe it was he that was present at the ARRL forum in Dayton this year. After the presentations at the forum there was a question and answer period and I believe it was Stafford who took the questions. The very first question from the floor had to do with the now-resolved LARC/ARRL situation. Mr. Stafford, if that was in fact who it was, answered the question appropriately, I thought, and the discussion then moved on to other issues. I'm sure that we'll read and hear more from Mr.

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LARC now has new E-Mail addresses to contact us. For general membership inquiries, use:

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Please make a note for future reference.

KK3K's Uplink

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Stafford in the coming months in QST. I wish him the greatest success as president of the League.

I see that the "code" vs. "no code" debate still rages on in certain circles, most notably in the rec.radio.amateur.policy newsgroup on the internet. Have we lost some of our frequencies because the ham radio service has not grown on account of the code requirement? Or, are we losing frequencies because we hams are now little more than appliance operators due to the fact that we've lowered licensing standards too far already? It's tough to prove either of these propositions, although both sides have their adherents. I thought that the advent of the "no-code tech" license class would have lowered the volume on this dispute by giving both sides a little of what they wanted, but in some quarters it has had exactly the opposite effect. Personally, I remain ambivalent about requiring the code. I lean toward dropping the code as a requirement because I simply don't like barriers. I've had a problem with a similar requirement in academia all of my life. When I was an undergraduate in college during the 1960s, you had to complete three years of study in a foreign language or pass a test which demonstrated the equivalent amount of foreign language knowledge. It was one of the reasons I failed to graduate way back then. I had a terrible time with foreign language study. Now, almost 30 years later I'm in an advanced graduate program, and I'm once again confronted with the same foreign language requirement. Don't get me wrong; I'm in favor of knowing a foreign language. It's just that I've never had a faculty for language. And I sense that learning Morse code for some people is as difficult as learning a foreign language is for me. They just don't have whatever faculty it is that allows some of us to easily learn code at 10, 20, or 30 words per minute. So I am sympathetic when I hear someone say that the reason they never became a ham or the reason they never upgraded is because they have a problem with the code, even though I myself never had a problem learning it. I know how hard it is for me to learn a foreign language. So maybe the code requirement should be dropped and maybe I shouldn't have to learn a foreign language, but then again, good arguments can be made to justify many of these requirements. I actually pretty much agree with the foreign language requirement. It's just that it's a tough nut for me and I should have had an earlier start. For example, I've been told that it's best to start taking piano lessons at a very young age. Likewise, I think foreign languages should be taught in grade school. Maybe that's the answer! Teach ham radio in grade school. That would almost certainly swell the ranks of ham radio and help us hold on to our frequencies, and maybe then the code wouldn't be such a problem.

Dayton Photo Available

An 8 x 10 color enlargement of the Dayton '95 LARC group photo is now available for \$12.00 postpaid. Make check payable to "LARC" Proceeds benefit LARC.

Foreign Hotel Signs

Forwarded by Mark Wilcox, KC3XC via Internet

Italian Hotel Brochure

This hotel is renowned for its peace and solitude. In fact, crowds from all over the world flock here to enjoy its solitude.

Lisbon Hotel

If you wish disinfection enacted in your presence, please ring for the chambermaid.

Rome Hotel

Fire! It is what can do, we hope. No fear. Not ourselves. Say quickly to all people coming up down everywhere a prayer. Always a clerk. He is assured of safety by expert men who are in the bar for telephone for the fighters of the fire come out.

Polish Tourist Brochure

As for the tripe served you at the Hotel Monopol, you will be singing its praises to your grandchildren as you lie on your deathbed.

Moscow Hotel

If this is your first visit to the U.S.S.R., you are welcome to it.

French Hotel

A sports jacket may be worn to dinner, but no trousers.

French Restaurant Menu

Extract of fowl, peached or sunnyside up.

Turkish Dentist Sign

American Dentist. 2nd floor-Teeth extracted by latest Methodists.

Athens Hotel

Visitors are expected to complain at the office from 9 to 11 daily.

Tokyo Hotel

Is forbidden to steal towels please. If you are not a person to do such is please not to read this.

Swiss Menu

Our wines leave you nothing to hope for.

Leipzig Elevator

Do not enter the lift backwards and only when lit up.

French Swimming Pool

Swimming is forbidden in absence of the Saviour.

Spanish Hotel Ad

The provision of a large French widow in every room adds to visitors' comfort.

Athens Hotel

Bowels in sauce. (Tripe!) Chopped up cow with wire through it. (Shish-kebob) Peoples will left the rooms at midday of tomorrow in place of not which will be more money for hole day.

Dayton Hamvention Dates

May 17-19, 1996 · May 16-18, 1997 · May 15-17, 1998

LARC Golden Gate

by Larry Kenney, WB9LOZ, Secretary, LARC/GG

Public service events, classes for new hams, a club repeater, monthly meetings and a variety of social activities have been keeping the members of the Lambda Amateur Radio Club Golden Gate really busy in recent months. LARC/GG is located in the San Francisco Bay Area with members from Santa Rosa in the north to San Jose in the south.

LARC/GG meetings are held at the homes of various club members on the second Thursday of the month. Business meetings are held quarterly with interesting presentations and socializing the primary activities at the other meetings. The ARRL Section Manager has visited us twice in the past year and we've had presentations on ATV, AM, EME, emergency operating procedures, packet radio, transmitter hunting and repeater controllers.

The club has grown continuously in recent years and now has fifty-nine members. We sponsor a booth at the annual San Francisco Gay Pride Celebration, where attendance can reach 400,000 plus, and have attracted several members there. We have notices in the local gay press, we gave a presentation to a local group of technical folks called High Tech Gays and we participate in the annual AIDS Bike-A-Thon. These activities and information on the club by word of mouth have made our club well known in the area.

Speaking of the AIDS Bike-A-Thon, our club has provided communications for this event annually for the past nine years. We have stations at the main base, at the five rest stops, with the logistics folks, in the medics' cars, in the "sag wagons" (the vehicles that pick up riders who can't make the full course), and in the supply vehicles. Using portable repeaters, we provide coverage for the entire 100 mile route. As many as forty members are involved in this event, which has had as many as 1,200 riders. This year, another club in Marin County offered us their two meter and 70 cm repeaters, located atop Mt. Tamalpais, to use for the event, so we didn't have to lug our portable systems to the hilltops.

Several members of LARC/GG are active participants in the city of San Francisco's Emergency Operations Program. Francis Cummings, KB7IP, and Kit Brown, WB6QVU, are both ARRL appointed ARES Emergency Coordinators, and have been heavily involved with the design of the city's new Emergency Operations Center.

Classes for the Technician license were offered by the club, and all nine members who took the exam received their licenses. One of the licenses received, quite appropriately, was KE6GWM, by a GWM. The next two licenses issued (GWN & GWO) went to a couple, our first couple with consecutive calls. We have seven couples in the club where both are licensed hams.

LARC/GG now has its own club callsign, KE6WCS, and its own repeater in San Francisco on 443.475 MHz, 127.3 PL. The repeater is open to the general public and will soon be linked to the WA6FSP repeater, owned by Bill, one of our club members, on 440.000 in Fremont.

During the past year we've had a variety of social activities including two holiday potluck dinners — one for Thanksgiving and one for Christmas, a picnic, a barbeque and garden party, a birthday celebration, several outings at local hamfests and swap meets, and a weekend of camping. Now, this camping weekend was something special since it was held on the land owned by two of our members, Bob, K6QXY, and Al, WA6MXI, and included working EME — Earth Moon Earth from their fantastic station. Bob, by the way, is at the top of the EME awards list for 6 meter operation here in the US.

As you can see, LARC/GG is alive, well and a very active club. If you're in the San Francisco Bay Area, by all means contact one of the members in the roster and you'll probably end up having dinner with a bunch of us. We like to party!

From the Editor's Desk

by Don Bledsoe, WB6LYI, LNN Editor

It's been some time since I sat down and wrote to you. Nick, KA1MQX, and Jim, KK3K, have been doing an excellent job of compiling the activities of members, and more members are contributing to the LNN as a whole.

Each member who contributes a tidbit of news, an article or technical write-up, contributes to the quality of the club as a whole. Each contribution is important, but I sometimes hear members comment that "I can't write" or "I'm not technical." It doesn't matter. Just got a pile of chicken scratchings for notes? No problem — just organize them a bit and send them in. Believe me, it's a hundred times easier to revise and rewrite someone's notes into an article or news tidbit than getting the information in the first place.

So, now I've dubbed you all cub reporters. Your job is to write down things that you experience that relate to your ham activities and send it in. Be sure to include your name and callsign, if any. We'll do the rest. If we have a question or need clarification, we'll get hold of you. If everyone did that only three times a year, we'd have about 80 new articles to share with you. You'd have a better newsletter — and one more fun to read.

It doesn't have to always be about ham radio, either. Maybe a fun or humorous story about travel or computers. We can relate to that. We can all use

a chuckle from time to time. See the little story about foreign hotel signs elsewhere in this issue as an example.

We're in the process of reinstating a feature story about members. In the more than ten years I've been editing the newsletter, nothing has been requested more often than stories about other members. So, it's likely that you'll be contacted at some point in the future for a profile about you and things that interest you.

How do you send us this information? Easy.

1) If you're on-line, you can send it to me direct by electronic transfer as an E-Mail message. Just put a note at the top of the message above the article telling us what you're sending. If we have questions, we'll pop a message back to you. It's that easy.

2) Mail me a floppy disk to the Long Beach address shown on page 2.

3) Type it up double-spaced and mail it in.

That's about all there is to it. We do the rest — and your fellow members will enjoy hearing about activities in other parts of the world. So, what did you do over summer vacation?

DX in the Tropics: VP2E Hamcation

UPDATE! Caribbean Island Apartment for Hamcation Rental in Anguilla, BWI

Location: The apartment is located above Little Harbour on the side of South Hill. It is in the lower part of a private home (Dave and Dorothea's). The apartment has its own porch, two captain's beds, a desk operating position for ham radio, a kitchenette with mini-fridge, stove, sink, microwave, full bathroom with shower and closets. There are ceiling fans, built-in bookcase with books, a clock radio, dishes, and cooking/eating utensils. Maid service is provided.

Rates: The rates are US\$90 per day plus 8% government tax (total US\$97.20 per day) for up to two people.

Deposit: 25% of total bill. If you cancel at least 30-days prior to your scheduled visit, we will refund your deposit in full.

Payment: Cash or check. We are unable to accept credit cards.

Rental Cars: We can arrange for you. Cost is US\$35 per day, depending on season. The car rental agency takes credit cards and needs to see your U.S. driving license when you pick up the car. They will give you a temporary Anguillian driver's license, which costs US\$6. Driving is on the left side, but it is not difficult to get used to as there is not much traffic in Anguilla.

Getting Here: The easiest way is through San Juan, Puerto Rico. American Airlines runs American Eagle service from San Juan direct to Anguilla and takes about 55 minutes. There are two flights a day, one in the morning and the other at night. Flights leaving Anguilla are in the morning and in the afternoon.

Ham License: A VP2E license costs US\$39.06 at this time for a stroke callsign (VP2E/yourcall). A regular VP2E callsign costs double, but only needs to be held by one in a group. We can arrange it or take you to the license office so you can do it yourself. There is only one license class here, which gives all emission and frequency privileges. License fees are scheduled to rise in January 1995 to US\$46.50 (cash payment) or US\$48.36 paid by cheque).

Equipment: Bring your own rig or rent one from us. The ham position is equipped with an RM35A Astron 35 amp power supply with meters and a banana-jack power strip. We supply an antenna tuner, dummy load, antenna switches, ICE bandpass filters on all bands, a 2-meter voice and packet radio, and a packet TNC. Antennas include: Mosley Pro54 (10, 12, 15, 17, & 20 meters) yagi, Cushcraft CD40 (2 element, 40 meter) yagi, Optimized 4-element 6 meter yagi, Cushcraft R7 vertical (10-40 meters), and an 80-160 meter Windom wire antenna. Electrical supply is 120-volts AC, 60 Hz. The rental rig is an Icom IC-735 with optional CW filters and CW keyer and rents for \$25 per day.

Contact: A complete packet of information including photos is available from LARC members Dorothea (VP2EE) or Dave (VP2EHF) Mann, P.O. Box 599, Anguilla, British West Indies. Phone: (809) 497-2150, FAX: (809) 497-3557, or E-Mail: 74227.3127@compuserve.com

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ARRL Director AB8P Resigns

(Source: Amateur Radio Newslite)

Citing poor health, Al Severson, AB8P, has resigned as ARRL Great Lakes Division Director. Severson's resignation became effective on June 5th. Vice Director George Race, WB8BGY, will fill out the remainder of Director Severson's unexpired term. Severson, who is still recuperating from a prolonged illness, said that the only reason he resigned was his feeling that his division needs a vital and active member running it. He has served as an ARRL director since January of 1990, and, before that, as Great Lakes vice director.

EMF and Cancer

(Source: Amateur Radio Newslite)

The Council of the American Physical Society has issued the results of a study titled Power Line Fields and Public Health, a study concerning the potential dangers of cancer from electromagnetic fields that emanate from common power lines and electrical appliances. The APS concludes that the scientific literature and the reports of reviews by other panels show no consistent, significant link between cancer and power line fields.

The report acknowledges that it is impossible to prove that no deleterious health effects occur from exposure to any environmental factor. That it is necessary to demonstrate a consistent, significant, and causal relationship before it can conclude that such effects do occur. From this standpoint, says the group, the conjectures relating cancer to power line fields have not been scientifically substantiated.

The APS says that billions of dollars are being spent by states and municipalities to mitigate and litigate this perceived problem. It adds that the burden of cost placed on the American public is incommensurate with the risk.

Hacker Attack

(Source: Amateur Radio Newslite)

Two reporters who wrote a book on computer hacker gangs have become targets of alleged cyberspace pranksters.

Joshua Quittner and his wife Michelle Slatalla, both reporters for the New York City newspaper Newsday also wrote "Masters of Deception: The Gang that Ruled Cyberspace." The hacker attack began last Thanksgiving when Quittner received

Forty-Three Years Together

"From Roy (Jim) (N5KLC):

"I'll be seventy-five in October and have had medical problems recently, so our traveling has slowed somewhat, we were unable to make the Dayton Convention for that reason. Hope you will download our .gif on AOL in the Gay Forum, under New Files and Graphics, 'Forty-three Years Together.' Since childhood the name 'Jim' has followed me, hence the title Norm & Jim on the .gif."

Plaques Presented to OH1BM & KK3K

At the Dayton banquet, plaques were presented to Kari OH1BM, and to Jim KK3K, in appreciation of their service on behalf of LARC. The texts are as follows:

Lambda Amateur Radio Club; presented to Kari Koivumaki, OH1BM, in recognition for outstanding service to the club through the seta.fi system.

Lambda Amateur Radio Club; presented to James Kelly, KK3K, in recognition of and fond appreciation for over 10 years of dedicated service to G/L/B/T hams worldwide.

Our heartfelt thanks to you both!

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President's Keyboard

Nick Altenbernd, KA1MQX

President, LARC

We've received lots of mail now, about both our reaffirmation letter and our dissident members' letter — all requesting publication here in the News, of course! Only three or four letters have been opposed to the Executive Committee and critical of its recent actions, and one of those was near-irrational. A dozen or more have come in supporting our intention to run LARC according to our Constitution and By-Laws. This column should be the last you read about all that in the News. I was going to talk at length about the very important difference between members' privacy, which LARC scrupulously respects, and secrecy, which LARC cannot provide to its members because we are an open, non-secret, public club. But then I got the requested letter from Bob Laycock, KA8UHL, our former president, and since he addresses that issue (and others) well, I'll simply turn over the rest of this column to him. 73 — Nick, KA1MQX

Letter from Past LARC President Bob Laycock, KA8UHL

The questions on most people's minds are probably: What happened? and How are you? In answer to the latter, I'm doing very well. I haven't left angry or hurt, and I look forward to enjoying LARC for many years to come.

Well ... maybe I'm a *little* angry and hurt, but I'm getting over it quickly!

So, what happened? I can best describe the situation like this: Multiple factors in my life converged around Dayton which simply stressed me out too badly. The primary issue has been my job, where "downsizing" and "speedup" have meant steadily increasing pressure for years now. Lately I've found myself with little capacity to absorb additional stress from other sources. The dispute in LARC since January made the presidency far more difficult than I had anticipated, and it finally became just too much.

I have to say I was profoundly disappointed with the Annual Meeting. True, a so-called "Vote of Confidence" was passed, but it was stripped of everything else. It did not endorse the officers' actions since January nor any we might take in the future, nor the accomplishments of LARC over the past years, nor even the Constitution and By-Laws. It was a hollow and meaningless vote. I hear some express surprise at recent developments, thinking all was settled in Dayton. I'm afraid that perception is simply wishful thinking and denial.

President Nick explained the dynamics well in his column last month. Everyone was so anxious to avoid a fight and get along in person that the *real* issues were swept aside. Given the vote, I left Dayton knowing the dispute would continue in one form or another. By Sunday night I was physically ill and didn't recover until I announced my resignation to the officers a week later.

The officers' actions since my departure have been quite strong and dramatic. I also think this has been quite necessary and I fully support everything they have done. I have witnessed in other places and times the destruction that a small group, or even a single person, can visit upon an organization. I believe LARC has been victim of such a situation here. Several members' conduct since January has been selfish, childish and disgraceful. Radical action was essential to preserve the LARC we've all built over the past 10 years.

There is a very self-destructive element in our community that consciously or unconsciously rips us apart from the inside. You see it repeatedly in our local and national organizations where the leadership is villainized and cannibalized over this,

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that and the other. The *Advocate* ran a cover story about this phenomenon several years ago. It's been called "internalized homophobia" and also "oppression sickness" because other minorities have suffered similar struggles.

I think there are many among us who are genuinely terrified at the prospect of change in the current status quo of oppression. Those who suffer this fear have carved out a safe place for themselves in this world. They're oppressed — but they know the rules and expectations, and there's comfort in the familiar. Progress of g/l/b/t people towards visibility, acceptance and equality threatens to turn everything upside down and change the norms. "Don't rock the boat!" these people say.

The dispute in LARC may have been about several things, but I believe it has been primarily a struggle over closet values versus visibility values. How "out" is LARC? Does simply being out constitute "activism" in and of itself, meaning that LARC's officers are more concerned with gay politics than amateur radio? I believe the opposition incorrectly answered yes to the second question, and a whole series of errors flowed from that flawed analysis. If visibility is itself activism, then LARC should return to a "true" emphasis on ham radio by honing down its public profile. The HF nets should drop the "LARC" identifier in favor of the coded "5272" tag, and the newsletter should be solely internal. These are bad enough, but taken to its logical conclusion, the Connecticut human rights case would eventually have to be repudiated, and the Constitution and By-Laws eventually discarded for a more secretive mandate. The latter was already starting when the Dayton meeting couldn't even endorse the Constitution.

Make no mistake about it. The opposition, whether they themselves even fully realized it, were on a course that would eventually drive LARC back into the closet and reverse the accomplishments of a decade. They would drive us back to pre-1985, when we were invisible among our ham radio peers. And that's crazy! The whole point of LARC's past 10 years has been to leave that place and be ourselves: whole real people, g/l/b/t people, who happen to enjoy ham radio.

If you're gay and want to pass in the mainstream ham radio community, that's perfectly okay — but don't join LARC, the organized gay presence in the hobby, and then protest that you can't secretly pass any longer.

I believe the majority of LARC members support the true nature and goals of the organization. They are working through the issues and are renewing their memberships. It saddens me, however, to see a few of the names that have recently appeared in the opposition's ranks. I know some of these to be proud g/l/b/t people — but they have unfortunately been misled and confused, and have fallen prey

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three e-mail messages from a group calling itself the "Internet Liberation Front." The text of the message was very chilling.

It read:

"Death to all corporations on the Net."

After his phone didn't ring for two days, the Quittners learned that people calling their home were being greeted by a string of obscenities. The hackers also sent 35 megabytes of information to his e-mail address.

Quittner said he had no idea why he was targeted. When asked who the culprits may be, newsman Quittner told *Newsday* that ten names immediately spring to his mind.

New FCC Handout On Ham Radio

(Source: Amateur Radio Newsline)

The FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau has produced a new "fact sheet" on the Amateur Radio Service. Its designated as publication PR-5000, Number 210 and tells the public about ham radio from the Commissions point of view.

800 Number Charges

(Source: Amateur Radio Newsline)

If you've always thought of 800 numbers as totally toll-free, be aware that there are some now that aren't. NZ9E says via packet that a recent "innovation" in the telecommunications industry is the "chargeable 800 number."

Since most people tend to think that an 800 number is free to the caller, the fact that many of these calls are now chargeable may be a surprise. In fact, I've heard that some people have encountered charges for these calls at 10 times the normal rate.

NZ9E says that if you are quoted a rate or charge figure for an 800 number call, hang up immediately or you're likely to be liable for the charges. True 800 numbers still cost you nothing, but be forewarned that everything is not always what it seems to be today.

Woodpeckers Delay SAREX

(Source: Amateur Radio Newsline)

SAREX Space Shuttle flight STS-70 has been delayed due to woodpeckers pecking holes in the shuttle.

No folks, we are not making this up. Mission managers have decided to repair damage done by woodpeckers in the foam insulation of the external fuel tank. The repairs will be done at the shuttle Vehicle Assembly Building. This means Shuttle Discovery has been removed from the launch pad and the mission tentatively rescheduled for sometime in August. Flight STS-71, which will also carry the Shuttle Amateur Radio Experiment, is still scheduled for no earlier than June 22.

New LARC Addresses

LARC now has new E-Mail addresses to contact us. For general membership inquiries, use:

LambdaClub@aol.com

... and for articles to be published in the LNN, use:

LARCNews@aol.com

Please make a note for future reference.

President's Keyboard

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to a destructive, reactionary and regressive campaign. They have now sided with the closet, perhaps unwittingly. I hope they soon come back to their senses.

Turning back to my situation, I have discovered through this and other groups that I don't have the personal constitution to deal with the abuse gay leadership must endure as individuals in our community struggle with their personal closet issues. Perhaps my skin is just too thin and I'm too sensitive. Attacks against my *person*, rather than against a particular action or position, upset me terribly. I get involved in things to try and make our collective lives better. I admit I enjoy praise for a job well-done. I also admit that personal attacks rip me up.

Too often in our community, we personalize our debates. I disagree with you, therefore you are a bad person in your basic nature: a dictator, a Nazi, etc. This was my experience as LARC president via seta.fi and haranguing 11 PM phone calls. Perhaps I should have ignored it all and plowed forward, but I could not. We should not ask our leaders to endure this. Bigots in the mainstream community are "the enemy," if you will, not our own leaders who take on the long hours and hard work necessary to build our organizations and community.

With my resignation I have chosen not to hold leadership positions at this point but instead to focus my energy fighting bigotry against us from the outside. I have also chosen to leave the harassment by "friends" behind and find pleasure again in ham radio as a *hobby* for relaxation and enjoyment. And who knows? Maybe I'll even get my General one of these days and finally be a *real* ham. hihi. 73, de Bob, KA8UHL

Dayton Photo Available

An 8 x 10 color enlargement of the Dayton '95 LARC group photo is now available for \$12.00 postpaid. Make check payable to "LARC" Proceeds benefit LARC.

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Lambda Net News

KK3K's Uplink

by Jim Kelly, KK3K

I've made some changes in my the shack recently. I found that I was not using my terrestrial packet setup at all, so I decided to sell my KAM TNC and the Icom IC-28A 2M mobile that I was using as a dedicated packet XCVR. A couple of hams in California took this gear off my hands, and I feel like I more than got my money's worth out of this gear considering what I got for it used and the fun I had with it when I was active on packet. I've always believed in trading-in or selling gear I'm not using or when I upgrade or change rigs. I know that some hams collect their old rigs, but I decided long ago that I didn't want to house a collection of old gear. So, I've always unloaded the old stuff. Looking back, there's really only one regret that I have in this connection. I wish I had kept my first full-featured HF rig. It was a Ten-Tec Omni, and I did really enjoy that radio. I can remember the great excitement and joy that it gave me. The late hours working CW DX on 40 meters into Russia, and the many enjoyable evenings spent on a 20 meter DX net collecting the first 100 countries for DXCC. I guess that first radio had some special experiences connected with it, but it didn't have general coverage, and it only had one VFO, so I replaced it with a more full-featured rig. That was several rigs ago now. I don't miss any of the rigs that came after the Omni, but I wish I had kept that first rig because of the ham radio magic that was associated with it for me.

But, getting back to packet, there were two reasons why I lost interest in packet radio. First of all, I used to rely on packet for ham radio news, informational bulletins, and keplerian element sets. Even though I didn't have a real good packet path to my local PBBS, I could usually manage to download all the information I needed. But it sometimes was difficult to get through, and always was time-consuming (300 baud). Then came my connection to the internet. For me, at least, this made packet obsolete. The easy availability of gobs of information and high speed, reliable connections just blew packet out of the water, in terms of what I was using packet for. The other reason I lost interest in packet radio had to do with homophobia on the part of my packet PBBS sysop. When I attempted to post a message about our LARC DXpedition last year, the sysop refused to post the message. All my message said was who we were (LARC) and that we would be going on a DXpedition. But he couldn't handle that. I let him know that I respected his right to run his station as he saw fit, but that I thought he was wrong not to post our legitimate DXpedition announcement. Anyway, that incident killed whatever interest I had left in packet radio.

I took the proceeds from the sale of my packet setup and bought a flatbed color scanner (not a radio, it scans photos and turns them into computer files). That meant that I had to enlarge the top of the computer desk to make room for the

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scanner. I love the scanner and you can see some of the pictures I've scanned if you check out my homepage on the internet World Wide Web (Web) (<http://www.netaxs.com/people/skeptic>). And there's also a link on my homepage to the excellent series of Web pages that Don (WB6LYI) wrote for LARC (<http://www.netaxs.com/people/skeptic/larc>). Ham radio is on the Web in a big way. Besides LARC, there's an ARRL homepage and an Amateur Radio Newline homepage where you can go to read the latest weekly ham radio news. And lots

of individual hams also have homepages. I'll have more to say about the Web and ham radio in later columns. But for now, I'm still watching developments in packet radio out of the corner of my eye. I'd like to know more about how the GPS (Global Positioning System) is now being linked to terrestrial packet. I see the ads for the AEA unit which say: "See where all the Packet users are headed" and at least a part of me wishes I was headed there along with them! Maybe later, who knows?

LARC is on the WEB! — Part 2

by Stuart Hill (GØBEV, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England)

So now, with a resource such as this, almost everybody is getting in on the act, and for once, gays are quite well served, as are radio amateurs. Logically then it should only be a brief matter of time before LARC has its own pages for the world to look at and this has indeed come to pass. There are very many Web sites with a gay presence within the US but I was very pleased to discover a brand new one here in the UK specifically for gays. Such pages are referenced by what is termed a URL (Universal Resource Locator) which in the case of this latest is:

<http://phymat.bham.ac.uk/LGB/index.html/>

This will take you to the Home Page, as the entry point is generally referred to — here you will find links to other pages of information. You can go direct to the LARC page if you use the URL:

<http://phymat.bham.ac.uk/LGB/larc.html/>

Here you will find a brief description of the Club and contact information for anyone interested. I thought it might be useful to pass on a few more links to other Web sites with a European flavour which may be of interest (especially if you are contemplating a visit.) For example, you will find the following:

<http://rzstud1.rz.uni-karlsruhe.de/~uk2x/english/english.html/>

(Some information in English about gays in Germany)

Alternatively:

<http://pooh.sozwiss.uni-konstanz.de/~pascal/gblf.de/>

If you want to know what is happening in France (mainly Paris), you could try:

<http://acacia.ens.fr:8080/home/delmas/fqrd/fqrd.html/>

This latter and very interesting site is a French style 'mirror' of the well known and very comprehensive gay resource site, the Queer Resource Directory — QRD. You will find that one at:

<http://www.qrd.org/QRD/>

(It can be a very busy site.)

There you will find many links to other gay global resources. Other interesting sites in Europe include:

<http://www.stud.unit.no/studorg/llh/english/index.html>

(If you are interested in the Norwegian scene, and you might also try:

<http://www.oslonett.no/home/bjornfk/index.html/>

The International Gay & Lesbian Alliance (ILGA) can be reached at:

<http://www.seta.fi/english.html>

(Which may well sound not unfamiliar !)

Also in Finland you may find it interesting to look at:

<http://www.helsinki.fi/jarj/oho/engindex.html/>

Holland is a favourite destination for many gay travellers, and there are many gay orientated sites there. Its oldest gay organisation, the C.O.C., can be reached at:

<http://www.xs4all.nl:80/~nvihcoc/>

There is also more information to be found at:

<http://www.xs4all.nl/~heinv/dqrd/index.html/>

Finally, if you are going a little farther afield to Israel, you could have a look at:

<http://qrd.tau.ac.il/>

Most of these sites contain links through which you can find your way to many others in the US and elsewhere, demonstrating the power of the Web as well as its potential to surmount international barriers. The sites I have mentioned have a European flavour, but you will find plenty of others in the US too if you look, or haven't already found them. If amateur radio information is what you are after, there are two UK sites which may be interesting and which have plenty of links elsewhere:

<http://www.mcc.ac.uk/Otherpages/amateur.radio/>

<http://www.business.co.uk/~equinox/>

(This is a very comprehensive site.)

[See Part 3 next month. —Ed.]

Another Service-Oriented Organization

by Jim Kelly, KK3K

LARC is not the only electronics-related organization with a community service mission. There is another organization out there whose members realize that there is work to be done for our communities and that as an organization they can make a positive contribution to the good of all. Read the following goals statement from an organization known as "Digital Queers": "WE ARE DIGITAL QUEERS. A national professional organization serving queers who work in high technology.

Our six goals:

1. Serve the queer community through donating our time, materials, expertise.
2. Support for domestic partner benefits, non-discrimination and progressive personnel policies.
3. Provide a forum for members to meet others with similar interests.
4. Encourage networking for career development.

5. Evangelize for online communications throughout the G/L/B/T community.

6. Produce the best parties at industry events. Digital Queers was founded in 1992 by employees from such companies as Adobe, Apple Computer, General Magic, IDG, Lotus, Microsoft, Quark, SuperMac, and Ziff-Davis. We are a not-for-profit organization under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. We are also a Cooperating Member of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force, and support their work. See membership form to join both groups for a reduced price.

What's in it for you?

1. Empowering queer organizations with decent technology.
2. Entry to an unparalleled network of computer industry professionals.
3. News and notes in our newsletter, PDO.
4. Invitations to very fun parties at selected trade shows.
5. Online access on America Online, GLCF and World Wide Web."

DX in the Tropics: VP2E Hamcation

UPDATE! Caribbean Island Apartment for Hamcation Rental in Anguilla, BWI

Location: The apartment is located above Little Harbour on the side of South Hill. It is in the lower part of a private home (Dave and Dorothea's). The apartment has its own porch, two captain's beds, a desk operating position for ham radio, a kitchenette with mini-fridge, stove, sink, microwave, full bathroom with shower and closets. There are ceiling fans, built-in bookcase with books, a clock radio, dishes, and cooking/eating utensils. Maid service is provided.

Rates: The rates are US\$90 per day plus 8% government tax (total US\$97.20 per day) for up to two people.

Deposit: 25% of total bill. If you cancel at least 30-days prior to your scheduled visit, we will refund your deposit in full.

Payment: Cash or check. We are unable to accept credit cards.

Rental Cars: We can arrange for you. Cost is US\$35 per day, depending on season. The car rental agency takes credit cards and needs to see your U.S. driving license when you pick up the car. They will give you a temporary Anguillian driver's license, which costs US\$6. Driving is on the left side, but it is not difficult to get used to as there is not much traffic in Anguilla.

Getting Here: The easiest way is through San Juan, Puerto Rico. American Airlines runs American Eagle service from San Juan direct to Anguilla and takes about 55 minutes. There are two flights a day, one in the morning and the other at night. Flights leaving Anguilla are in the morning and in the afternoon.

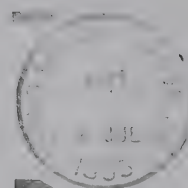
Ham License: A VP2E license costs US\$39.06 at this time for a stroke callsign (VP2E/yourcall). A regular VP2E callsign costs double, but only needs to be held by one in a group. We can arrange it or take you to the license office so you can do it yourself. There is only one license class here, which gives all emission and frequency privileges. License fees are scheduled to rise in January 1995 to US\$46.50 (cash payment) or US\$48.36 paid by cheque).

Equipment: Bring your own rig or rent one from us. The ham position is equipped with an RM35A Astron 35 amp power supply with meters and a banana-jack power strip. We supply an antenna tuner, dummy load, antenna switches, ICE bandpass filters on all bands, a 2-meter voice and packet radio, and a packet TNC. Antennas include: Mosley Pro54 (10, 12, 15, 17, & 20 meters) yagi, Cushcraft CD40 (2 element, 40 meter) yagi, Optimized 4-element 6 meter yagi, Cushcraft R7 vertical (10-40 meters), and an 80-160 meter Windom wire antenna. Electrical supply is 120-volts AC, 60 Hz. The rental rig is an Icom IC-735 with optional CW filters and CW keyer and rents for \$25 per day.

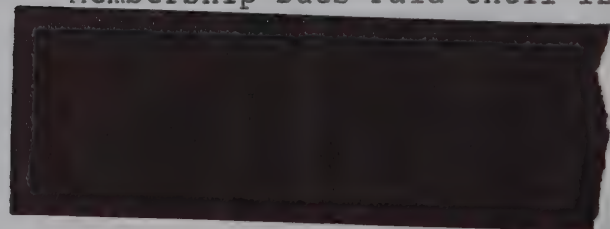
Contact: A complete packet of information including photos is available from LARC members Dorothea (VP2EE) or Dave (VP2EHF) Mana, P.O. Box 599, Anguilla, British West Indies. Phone: (809) 497-2150, FAX: (809) 497-3557, or E-Mail: 74227.3127@compuserve.com

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LARC On the WEB! — Part 1

by Stuart Hill, GØBEV
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It can hardly have escaped the notice of most of you how astonishing has been the growth of Internet resources during the past year. For those who need a brief refresher, the Internet consists essentially of a global network of interlinked computer systems, ranging from the very small to the extremely large, acting as clients (that's you and me) and as servers (that's them, who hold the data and other resources that interest us.) The data can be anything at all that is capable of binary storage, and that includes a very great many things — pictures, sounds, numerical data, and of course just plain text, as a few examples. Tools exist to enable users to link their own local machines (or hosts in the jargon) to a remote system and to send or receive files (similar to logging into a packet BBS and accessing or sending mail, or up/downloading a file.)

The Internet is much more than that however; much quicker and capable of moving very large amounts of data in a very short time. Arguably the largest growth area within the Internet in recent times has been the World Wide Web, just referred to as the Web by many users. Now all data is, familiarly

LARC Member Gets ARRL Appointment

By a Certificate of Appointment dated March 6, 1995, Bud Hubert KC6WIE became the first known gay ARES Emergency Coordinator. ARES is a field organization of the ARRL. His appointment is for Yolo County, in Northern California.

This is Hubert's second appointment with ARES, having served as an Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Sonoma County, where he earned a Certificate of Commendation for his communication skills in the Salt Point State Park wildland fire. He also received "The Golden Poppy Award," from the California Department of Parks and Recreation. This is the state's highest honor for a volunteer.

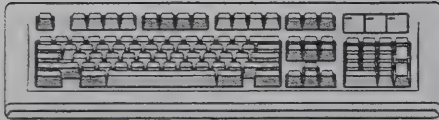
Bud is openly gay. He was instrumental in organizing Gays of Yolo County, a social support group for rural men. He serves the Red Cross as a Disaster Action Team member, on the Yolo County AIDS Task Force, and is a Hand to Hand volunteer with the Sacramento AIDS Foundation.

Be sure to return your LARC re-application form to keep your membership in LARC and the Lambda Net News coming your way without interruption.

LARC Paves Way For Gay Pilots

Cleveland LARC member Brian DeWitt (N8VTA) recently advised us that LARC's and the ARRL's amicable settlement of differences over advertising has helped another gay group, the National Gay Pilots Association. Because of our case, it is unnecessary for them to have to take legal action to place classified advertising in a flying magazine. According to a report in the gay press, the NGPA wanted to run a classified ad for members in Flying magazine, but the magazine refused the NGPA ad. This occurred in October, 1993. The NGPA felt that the ad was denied due to anti-gay bias and contested the magazine's decision, but the publishers of the magazine refused to yield, citing their prerogative as publishers. The NGPA contacted an attorney who wrote to the magazine citing the LARC case, and after receiving the letter, the publishers changed their minds and agreed to run the NGPA ad. This positive outcome is a fine example of the type of public service that LARC has provided by our visibility and determination, by working for acceptance of diversity and tolerance within our hobby, and at the same time making an important contribution to the overall gay community of which we are all members.

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President's Keyboard

Nick Altenbernd, KA1MQX
President, LARC

Swift and violent as a spring thunder storm, The Lambda Amateur Radio Club has gone into its third presidency. The reasons are several. Some have to do with Bob, KA8UHL's, personal commitments and his extremely difficult employment situation. Bob tells me that these are now coming under control, and he promises us a letter soon for the LARC Net News.

But most of the problems are the reflections of a variety of serious social problems, and abusive treatment of and by individuals, within our own group. I want to address what I perceive these problems to be, and I hope my remarks will elicit some thoughtful and considerate responses from LARC's membership.

The title of this president's column (which may or may not stick) is intended to recall the titles of our previous two presidents'. Jim, KK3K's, "Key" has become a whole board's worth, two different sorts of keyboards, in fact; and as with Bob, KA8UHL's, mike, I "Push to Talk" on them. My keyboards are the computer's, which I push all day at work, and the piano's, which I push to make music at other times. These are the two most important activities in my life, and along with my photography, will at all times take precedence over other activities.

A Brief History

Since mid-January there has been a lot of shouting going on within our organization, primarily on our E-Mail reflector, larc@seta.fi, but also on the nets, and (I understand) over the landline. (Until recently there has been nothing in the US Mail, the only medium that reaches the entire club roster.) The business meeting in Dayton was somewhat more subdued and thoughtful, and I think that was because we were all faced with the stark reality of another fallible flesh-and-blood human being at the other end of our communication path. We must all vividly imagine the presence of that other person at all times, even if there is only a keyboard or a microphone in front of us. The nature of the disagreement was never focused clearly, and no clear statement of concern has ever been voiced by anyone at any time, including at the Dayton meeting. The Executive Committee have been constantly trying to divine the wants and intentions of the complainers, but have not yet received a clear statement of grievances. Complaints of "censorship," aside from their frivolity, were only a cover at best. If there is a real issue, it is something else. Complaints of unilateral action, deceptive conduct and similar charges were dirty-minded ways of saying that the Executive Committee were communicating with each other and doing their jobs. Charges that the club has become a hotbed of gay political activism will not stand up to scrutiny, as we shall see. As a last-ditch resort, name-calling of the foulest sort was seen on seta.fi. Predictably, it backfired. Nonetheless, damage has been done to the club, and to individuals within the club. This all amounted to character assassination of the officers, especially our (now former) president. We cannot function healthily with such internal mayhem obstructing our ordinary operations. LARC is a service and hobby club, not a grim battle to the death.

On LARC and Political Action

The Lambda Amateur Radio Club is a service club of radio amateurs — gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered radio amateurs — who work in the ham community and in the larger community as themselves, for the well-being of the

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Membership Roster

Membership rosters are published several times each year and will be inserted into an issue of the LAMBDA NET NEWS. This summarized roster lists basic member information. If you'd like to receive a highly detailed, in-depth listing of each member, just send a 9" x 12" self-addressed envelope with \$1.90 postage affixed and a custom printed roster will be on its way to you. This way, you can have an updated roster as often as you'd like and LARC will not be sending rosters to anyone who doesn't want one.

Mail your request TODAY to the address immediately above.

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enough, stored in files. What makes the Web aspect different from any other is the way its files are constructed. Such files are written in hypertext mark-up language (html for short.) This was developed some years ago by scientists at C.E.R.N. (Centre European de Recherche Nucleaire) as a way of combining documented data with a means of embedding within the text, links or cross-references to other documents. When such documents were made available on publically accessed computer systems, the power of the approach was revealed, as it was appreciated that the links might well point

to data physically located in remote computer systems. In this way, a single page could include references to many other documents situated elsewhere, which themselves contained further links ... and so on. Hence the term "Web". The global nature of the Internet has ensured that the physical location of data has become much less important, and combined with the development of easy-to-use software tools to access it (such as Mosaic, Netscape, Lynx, etc.) has guaranteed this to be a prime growth area.

[See Part 2 in next month's LNN. —Ed.]

LARC Dayton Meeting

Officer Reports

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by President Bob Laycock, KA8UHL. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Dick Waring, K3AKK, whom we had last seen at Dayton one year ago.

A quick review of the year's accomplishments:

- 1) The resolution in our case with the ARRL.
- 2) The Anguilla DXpedition, and the article about it in the July 1994 QST. Unfortunately, the 1995 DXpedition has been cancelled.
- 3) The new Constitution and Bylaws were adopted with the officer election in January.

We currently have 152 members. 145 inquiries have come in (32 from QST, 5 from CQ). 18 applications resulted, and 13 new members. The CQ and QST ads are renewed for 1995.

An update of our brochure is in the works. We are investigating additional advertising possibilities.

Jim Kelly delivered a brief Treasurer's report, and commended Tom Hendrix KI4ZN for his many years' service as treasurer.

A resolution of support for the officers was offered by president Bob. Anticipating extended discussion of the resolution, it was agreed that a vote on the resolution would take place by 7:35, so we could all go to dinner. Speakers were to be alternately pro and con the resolution. Derek King W4/G4JKE was the only member who initially wished to speak against the resolution. Because Derek was under suspension, it was necessary to suspend the rules to permit him

to speak. This was passed immediately. Subsequent speakers spoke pro and con for about an hour. Two amendments to the resolution were offered (by Janice Tobin N8TYV and Courtney WD5IYH) and discussed within the discussion of the amendment. Both were passed, and the resolution as amended was passed with no opposition and one abstention: "Be it resolved that the membership hereby expresses its confidence in current elected officers of the Lambda Amateur Radio Club."

There followed a motion to lift Derek's suspension, and a discussion. Derek offered an apology, and his suspension was lifted by a unanimous vote.

New business

Bill Choisser K9AT, speaking on behalf of the San Francisco chapter, said that they are interested in reaffiliation.

Bob Reite WB6YYZ suggested the possibility of two forms of the newsletter, one with, one without full names and call signs.

Irv Goodman AF2K announced that the banner is available for public events.

Dale Clark WA0CFQ expressed concern about Wayne Green receiving a copy of the newsletter when he has been so disparaging of LARC in his editorials during the past year. It was clarified that he has been removed from the complimentary mailing list.

Lu Vencel KA4EPS suggested a change of our Hamvention frequency because of the increased QRM from packet operations. After a brief discussion we agreed on 145.810.

The meeting was adjourned in time for dinner at 8:00 pm.

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KK3K's Uplink

by Jim Kelly, KK3K

So much good stuff has happened recently. It's hard to know where to start!

First, I'd like to personally thank every member who has reaffirmed their support for LARC and has thereby made it possible for us to continue our important work. I also want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the beautiful plaque that I received at Dayton. I accept it as a recognition of the 13 years that I have devoted to LARC and as an affirmation of my vision of pride, openness, and community and public service. I hung it on the wall as soon as I got home from Dayton. I am extremely proud of it, and I will treasure it always, as I will the friendship and support of each of you. I love and admire you all very much.

I sure was delighted to hear about how the National Gay Pilots Association was able to resolve their advertising problem with Flying magazine based on LARC's amicable

resolution of our advertising issue with the ARRL. This shows why, although friendship and support are a big part of LARC's mission, we have always been more than just a social group and we have taken our public service charter mandate seriously. I'm proud that this has paid off, not only for LARC, but for others as well. LARC has been able to make a real contribution in the realm of public service. I'm extremely pleased that we can continue to be both a fun club for members as well as a responsible public service-oriented amateur radio club.

Dayton sure was exciting this year. First of all, we had good weather, for a change. Then, the flea market and indoor exhibit areas seemed to expand yet again as they seem to do every year. Maybe they haven't actually grown, but it sure did seem that way. There was plenty of excitement indoors at the ICOM booth, where they were displaying their new tiny HF/6M/2M

rig, which couldn't be any smaller, and at the Yaesu booth free hats were available all weekend. Kenwood was also popular and crowded. Vendors of computer-related gear were in abundance. Flea market vendors were busy, and the crowds clearly enjoyed the better outdoor WX this year.

I attended some very interesting forums. The AMSAT forum on Saturday focused on the new satellite we're going to launch next year. The ARRL forum was interesting and informative as was the FCC forum.

Back on the floor of the Hamvention, we had a nice chat with Dave Sumner, K1ZZ, Executive Vice President of the ARRL. At the hotel, the LARC hospitality suite was busy during the weekend, and it sure was great to see friends that we only get to see once a year if we're lucky. There was so much to do in Dayton, it really wore me out! Well, there's always next year!

Hollywood Chapter LARCers Now Meeting on 145.225

by Eric Nelson, WA0KVD

I'd like to invite Hollywood Chapter members and all other LARCers in Southern California to join regular onair get-togethers via the CLARA N6SLD repeater on 145.220, offset (-), PL 103.5. The "net" had its first session on Friday night, Feb. 3, at 2000. On hand were WA0KVD and K6RKW. There were some path problems. The repeater is located atop Santiago Peak in Orange County and provides coverage to most of Southern California. Both Eric and Ron were without higan yagis, so copy was not 100 percent, but this may be because conditions were not the best. Eric reports that normally he gets full quieting on the machine.

Finger Lakes Chapter Activities

Finger Lakes Chapter continues to meet for lunch and business meeting on third Sunday of every month. A contribution has been made to the Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley in appreciation of their continued publication of our meeting notices the the monthly Empty Closet newspaper. Screening procedures and admittance of new members into the Chapter have been discussed in depth. If individual is already a member of National LARC, there is no question whatsoever regarding being accepted and welcomed into FLC automatically. Other potential members would need to furnish a telephone number AND also

have a one-on-one conference with the "sponsoring" Chapter member prior to being invited to a meeting.

AA2IO is investigating van rental information for FLC contingent for travel to Dayton. Letter of acknowledgement was received from Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley thanking us for our recent contribution. Field Day plans were tabled for further discussion next month. It was unanimously agreed not to hold a formal Chapter election. After considerable discussion, Ruthie, AA2IO accepted the position of FLC Chairperson through Dec. 31st, and Irv, AF2K will continue as Secretary/Treasurer.

Injured LARC Member Shows His Appreciation

Earlier this year, we learned that St. Louis LARC member Bob Nicolai, (W0EKM) had been seriously injured in a robbery. Bob was shot in the stomach, and narrowly escaped with his life. He was hospitalized for a time, but he is now at home. While Bob was in the hospital, the club sent him flowers and members sent expressions of concern and get well

cards which Bob appreciated very much. Bob wanted to show his appreciation and ensure that LARC could continue to be there for members in times of need, so he made a contribution of \$500.00 to the club. On behalf of the entire membership, we wish to acknowledge Bob's extremely generous contribution, and wish him a speedy and full recovery!

President's Keyboard

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Amateur Radio Service, and for the benefit of any public service works that we can aid. As with all such service clubs, we come to the community we serve as members of the community and as ourselves — not some shadow or misrepresentation of ourselves. If any do not wish to avail themselves of our services, they may say so. To my knowledge, this has never happened. LARC's service record to both the public and to the amateur community is considerable and exemplary.

Our lengthy relations with the ARRL are characteristic of our growing acceptance within the ham community. After a long period of difficulty, we are now fully accepted by ham radio's premier fraternal and lobbying organization. At Dayton, Bob and Jim had a lengthy and frank conversation with ARRL VP and QST publisher Dave Sumner, K1ZZ. From this conversation, it is clear we have a mutual understanding of what the important values of ham radio and society at large should be. We now all know that it is useless for us to shout at each other from opposite sides of a no-man's land. That land is in fact mutual territory. As we both step onto it and husband its resources, we will find that it is fertile land. We are pursuing official affiliation with the ARRL now.

At The 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay, and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation, LARC was represented by a dozen members carrying our banner among the couple of million marchers. Like the overwhelming majority of people and organizations at the March, LARC is not a political activist organization. All those people were ordinary citizens who had come to their capital to make their presence known. The organizations were service organizations, made up primarily of gay members, who had come to show the good work that gay people do in the larger community. This is not political activism. It is an expression of citizenship.

When we had our contretemps with the ARRL, it was not an act of political activism to work for our right of representation and participation in ham radio's premier organization. It was an act of taking our place as responsible members of the ham community. When the Gay Pilots Association used the resolution of our case as a precedent for

their own, it was not political activism on our part or theirs. It was leadership within both the gay community, and within society at large: those pilots fly a lot of straight people! The idea that LARC is a "gay political activist" organization is laughable. We are a community service club of g/l/b/t and straight people, and shall remain so. And as we function as a public service club, we must integrate our service lives and our personal lives with the lives of our communities. If we don't, we are not community members, and we cannot serve our communities honestly or well.

On Our E-Mail Reflector, larc@seta.fi

Between January and late April there was an ever-increasing flow of garbage on our E-Mail list. The dissonance and volume level escalated almost exclusively here, so those who do not have E-Mail were quite unaware what was going on. At its worst, the stuff was near-illiterate, libellous, scatological, and utterly irrelevant to any imaginable function of a ham radio club — gay or otherwise. Seta.fi went very quiet following Dayton, but the garbage resumed on the 75M nets. The Executive Committee members were anguished over a reasonable course of action. We had thought people had communicated reasonably at Dayton, and that civil conduct could be expected thereafter. Bob was forced by overwhelming circumstances to resign, and the remaining EC members began consulting on a course of action to quell the shouting. We were getting ever more communications from members to do something to stop the bickering so that LARC could revert to its position as a modest but important part of our lives. Our main action was the reaffirmation statement that was mailed to all members, which I will discuss below. We also decided to request of Kari, OH1BM, that he turn off the reflector temporarily so that the E-Mail-capable portion of the club would be subjected to no further invective, at least not on our "official" list. We explained the situation to Kari, asked what he could and could not do with the list, and (more importantly) what he would and would not do. Kari maintains the list, we do not. One story was circulated that we threatened him with expulsion if he didn't do our

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DX in the Tropics: VP2E Hamcation

UPDATE! Caribbean Island Apartment for Hamcation Rental in Anguilla, BWI

Location: The apartment is located above Little Harbour on the side of South Hill. It is in the lower part of a private home (Dave and Dorothea's). The apartment has its own porch, two captain's beds, a desk operating position for ham radio, a kitchenette with mini-fridge, stove, sink, microwave, full bathroom with shower and closets. There are ceiling fans, built-in bookcase with books, a clock radio, dishes, and cooking/eating utensils. Maid service is provided.

Rates: The rates are US\$90 per day plus 8% government tax (total US\$97.20 per day) for up to two people.

Deposit: 25% of total bill. If you cancel at least 30-days prior to your scheduled visit, we will refund your deposit in full.

Payment: Cash or check. We are unable to accept credit cards.

Rental Cars: We can arrange for you. Cost is US\$35 per day, depending on season. The car rental agency takes credit cards and needs to see your U.S. driving license when you pick up the car. They will give you a temporary Anguillian driver's license, which costs US\$6. Driving is on the left side, but it is not difficult to get used to as there is not much traffic in Anguilla.

Getting Here: The easiest way is through San Juan, Puerto Rico. American Airlines runs American Eagle service from San Juan direct to Anguilla and takes about 55 minutes. There are two flights a day, one in the morning and the other at night. Flights leaving Anguilla are in the morning and in the afternoon.

Ham License: A VP2E license costs US\$39.06 at this time for a stroke callsign (VP2E/yourcall). A regular VP2E callsign costs double, but only needs to be held by one in a group. We can arrange it or take you to the license office so you can do it yourself. There is only one license class here, which gives all emission and frequency privileges. License fees are scheduled to rise in January 1995 to US\$46.50 (cash payment) or US\$48.36 paid by cheque).

Equipment: Bring your own rig or rent one from us. The ham position is equipped with an RM35A Astron 35 amp power supply with meters and a banana-jack power strip. We supply an antenna tuner, dummy load, antenna switches, ICE bandpass filters on all bands, a 2-meter voice and packet radio, and a packet TNC. Antennas include: Mosley Pro54 (10, 12, 15, 17, & 20 meters) yagi, Cushcraft CD40 (2 element, 40 meter) yagi, Optimized 4-element 6 meter yagi, Cushcraft R7 vertical (10-40 meters), and an 80-160 meter Windom wire antenna. Electrical supply is 120-volts AC, 60 Hz. The rental rig is an Icom IC-735 with optional CW filters and CW keyer and rents for \$25 per day.

Contact: A complete packet of information including photos is available from LARC members Dorothea (VP2EE) or Dave (VP2EHF) Mann, P.O. Box 599, Anguilla, British West Indies. Phone: (809) 497-2150, FAX: (809) 497-3557, or E-Mail: 74227.3127@compuserve.com

Dayton Video from N8KBF

Hello LARC! Well, I've been working feverishly on finishing up the editing of the 1995 LARC Dayton Video. This one will be a keeper. There are scenes from the Friday night Mexican-style dinner, the Saturday LARC banquet, the LARC hospitality suite, the LARC VE session, and of course, clips from the flea market and vendor spaces at the HamVention. Here's a chance to put faces with those friendly voices you hear on the air and the I-netters who send you mail. It's about 30 minutes long and is available in most consumer formats, including: VHS, 8mm and Beta (sorry, no Hi8 or S-VHS).

The price covers the cost of blank tape and shipping — no charge if you decide to drop by and personally dub your own copy! Hi. Should there be any proceeds, they will be added to the LARC treasury. Suggested minimum donation includes tape and shipping: VHS \$5, 8mm \$7, Beta \$6. Or send me a tape and \$3 and I'll return it via Priority Mail or UPS.

Hope you have as much pleasure viewing this video, as I had in putting it together. The cinematography could be better — we'll work on it for next year. (Don B, I need your script writing skills!) Thanks to everyone at Dayton for another weekend not to be forgotten ... love to you all. Very best 73 and 88 ... Ray Dabkowski, N8KBF, 13008 Marilyn Road, Chesterland, OH 44026-3039, Phone: (216) 729-0110, E-Mail: rayd@wariat.org

LARC QSL Cards

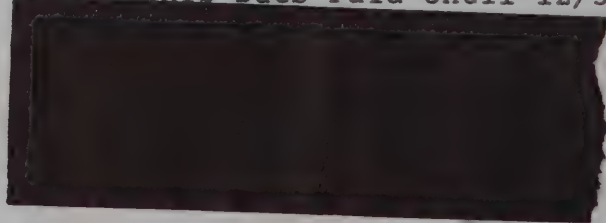
As a service to LARC members, I'm able to provide QSL cards for \$1 per 100 (my cost). Now don't expect full-color, glossy, 2-sided works of art! These QSLs are basic in style, standard size, and are produced with black ink on color card stock, using high-quality printing. You have a choice of art work (see order form), and an area to list your awards, affiliations, 10-10 number, whatever. Compare, and you'll find that similar "economy" cards are at least five times higher in price. You may also order by email. Please allow 10 days for delivery. Payment by cash, checks, or all-mode VHF rigs okay. Best 73 & Warm 88 ... Ray Dabkowski, N8KBF, (rayd@wariat.org), (216) 729-0110

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A Statement from the Officers of LARC

This issue of the *Lambda Net News* is being presented as a Special Edition to address a fight currently in progress in LARC. To make room for material on this topic, we have cut some of our regular features and apologize to members who have submitted items not published. We hope to print these next month.

A group of members has emerged in opposition to the newly-elected club leadership. The primary issue appears to be visibility. Should LARC nets be identified as such on the air? Should member callsigns appear in the *Lambda Net News* and should the club include as part of its outreach activities the sharing of LNN to select groups and individuals in the amateur community? They go on to suggest that a General class license or higher be a condition to hold office, and perhaps an FCC license of any class be required to vote in LARC elections. And they go still further: to charges of censorship in LNN and "surreptitious" operation of the club by the officers. The officers have been termed "dictators" and even likened to "Nazis" by these members.

The stated concern of these members for democracy in LARC strikes us as disingenuous. The club has just completed an election process in which a new constitution was ratified by the members, and new officers were elected. The will of the majority seems perfectly

clear through the outcome of these elections, through the growth of the club over the past decade and through most members renewing their memberships and dues each year. Where is the dictatorship in this?

To raise issues so sweeping and broad immediately after of these elections, and slandering the officers as "dictators," doesn't look like a sincere effort to restore democracy to the club. Instead, it strikes us as an effort to thwart club democracy through bully tactics. It seems an effort to beat down the expressed will of majority through harassment, disruption and name-calling. These are not minor issues that are being raised. They represent *major* changes in club philosophy and operations developed over the years — fundamental core issues that we believe get to the very heart of LARC's identity.

We realize that elections don't settle all differences of opinion in an organization. People have different perspectives, and that can usually be the *strength* of a group. But members acting in good faith should express their differing views without causing disruption and divisiveness.

In particular, we would urge these members to plan for the 1996 club elections. Field candidates, we say, and advocate your positions in that democratic election process. If you win,

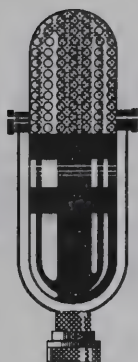
your vision for LARC will hold sway *because it will then be shown to be what the membership wants.*

The opposition did not run candidates in 1994 nor advocate the views they express today. To place the current leadership under siege — virtually from Day One — has utterly nothing to do with democracy. It's a slap at every member of this club.

This leadership was elected, we believe, to continue the course LARC has been on for a decade. We intend to lead LARC as a service organization — an active ambassador, if you will — to enhance the position of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered hams in amateur radio. We intend to build relationships of fraternity and cooperation with the ARRL and other mainstream ham organizations. And we intend to work within LARC to strengthen the group and enhance our members' enjoyment of ham radio. Recent format and column changes in LNN are just a first step.

The conflict now underway has escalated to such a degree that we believe the organization itself could be in peril if this situation goes on much longer. We believe it must stop *right now!* The Executive Committee intends to offer the following resolution for discussion and passage at the Annual Meeting in Dayton later this month:

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Push to Talk

by Bob Laycock, KA8UHL

President, LARC

"Your article in the 'Push to Talk' column in the LNN stirred the pot again!" wrote Tom Hendrix (KI4ZN) in his letter of resignation as LARC treasurer posted on seta.fi. In his letter, in telephone calls, and in the on-air "Sunshine Chapter News Bulletin" on HF, wide-ranging grievances against club policy and the officers have been raised. I must be blunt here and say I think most lack merit on their face.

I debated when sitting down to write this column whether to honor these grievances with a detailed presentation and reply here. I decided to do so because I believe they have so much potential to damage this club. I hope we can examine them here, and put them to rest once and for all at the Annual Meeting this month in Dayton. As I describe here and elsewhere in this issue, I believe the opposition speaks for on a tiny minority.

The Closet. The primary complaint of the opposition is that LARC is too "out." I believe we have already addressed this over the past ten years. Our policies and activities today are the result of conscious decisions, votes and evolutionary practice throughout this period. For more on this, see the replies to a letter from John (AA2DY) elsewhere in this issue.

Censorship. Derek King (G4JKE) claims that we are censoring him and not publishing his letters. This is interesting since the charge comes *after* we published his first letter in March. Another was in line for this issue, and a third arrived the weekend he made the charge on the air. His second and third submissions appear here.

Dictatorship. The opposition has been trying to claim that the elected officers, and the president in particular, are functioning as a dictatorship against the will of the members. They claim we are steering the club as a gay political action group rather than as an amateur radio club. This is patently absurd.

LARC operates as a *service organization* for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered ham radio operators. LARC began initially as a *social* club. Gays met through the group, but the club was largely invisible to the mainstream ham community. Around 1985, members decided to move LARC forward as a *public service* club, working to create a more welcoming environment for gay and lesbian hams in the broader community. This is what the *QST* ad was all about. The membership endorsed this direction time and again over the years, most notably in its resolute determination to pursue the Connecticut human rights case.

Everything LARC does today, including discreet newsletter distribution, is completely consistent and in keeping with these membership decisions over the past ten years — *and, specifically, as embodied in Article 2 of the new LARC Constitution adopted just last year by written vote of the full membership.*

License Class. *One thing I never expected was to find myself challenged as a "legitimate" ham because of my license class. It's been intimated that LARC "needs a ham as president." This is an outrage!*

I would hope that LARC, least of all, would be poisoned by such ham snobbery, or "classism." One of the best features of ham radio is its diversity. Some hams are mostly 2m or public service folks only. Others operate satellite primarily. Others packet. Others ATV. Others are DX-chasers and contesters. Others use CW only. Others just build and tinker and hardly ever operate ... the list goes on and on. But *all* of us with FCC licenses are hams, equal participants in a unique and wonderful fraternity.

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Membership rosters are published several times each year and will be inserted into an issue of the LAMBDA NET NEWS. This summarized roster lists basic member information. If you'd like to receive a highly detailed, in-depth listing of each member, just send a 9" x 12" self-addressed envelope with \$1.90 postage affixed and a custom printed roster will be on its way to you. This way, you can have an updated roster as often as you'd like and LARC will not be sending rosters to anyone who doesn't want one.

Mail your request TODAY to the address immediately above.

LARC Chapter Directory

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North Coast Chapter

Contact: Brian DeWitt (N8VTA) or
Doug Braun (KB8TGT)
2350 Grandview Avenue
Cleveland Heights, OH 44106-3120
(216) 229-2827

Serves NE Ohio. No dues or regular business meetings, but do hold occasional social gatherings. Also, Internet roundtable and numerous public service events.

Finger Lakes Chapter — 1995

Contact: Bob Hunter (NG2P)
46 Linden Street
Rochester, NY 14620-2310
(716) 442-7185

Serves western and central NY state. Monthly dinner and meeting. Annual dues are \$5.

Gateway (GLARC) Chapter — 1993

Contact: Bob Hamilton (WA0S)
2301 Park Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63104-2541
(314) 773-4056

Serves midwest. Meetings 1st Thursday of each month. Call for location.

Hollywood Chapter — 1993

Contact: Rick Fearn (K6VE), President
P.O. Box 65643
Los Angeles, CA 90065
(213) 256-6556

Serves southern California. Meetings are quarterly on weekends on announced schedule. Dues. Note: Field trips and outings are often scheduled.

Sunshine (SLARC) Chapter — 1994

Contact: Tom Hendrix (K14ZN)
02406 Lake Ella Road
Fruitland Park, FL 34731

Serves Florida. Meetings are held at hamfest locations throughout the state during the year and as required.

Push to Talk

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I would never disagree with those who say it would be desirable for the LARC officers to appear on the nets. I think this would be great and I'd like to see many more members participate too. Hopefully I'll upgrade while still in office. But when choosing our officers, we want to select those who can most effectively lead and manage the club. A General or Advanced license is not a requirement for office now, nor should it ever be.

The Internet. The opposition objects that club officers communicate with one another and conduct club business on the Internet. They claim this is "surreptitious." This is ridiculous. Before the Internet, club officers handled the mundane everyday affairs of the club by telephone and conventional mail. Routine business has *never* been conducted on the scheduled nets —and it would drive everyone away from sheer boredom! That's not the purpose of the nets. Important actions by the officers are reported in *Lambda Net News* and at the Annual Meeting.

Moreover, this and other complaints by the opposition are contradictory. On one hand, we are charged with being too visible. It's suggested we shouldn't say "LARC" on the air, but instead identify ourselves by the cryptic ID, "5272 Net." But on the other hand, we are criticized for not discussing detailed club business on the air where thousands can overhear.

The officers recognize not all members are on seta.fi or the weekly nets. That's why we have the LNN columns "On the Air" and "larc@seta.fi" — to share key happenings with everyone.

Dayton Agenda. Tom wrote in his resignation letter that he wanted a copy of the Dayton agenda for the Sunshine Chapter. The implication was he hadn't received one. As an officer, the tentative agenda had been e-mailed to Tom about a week prior to his letter.

On this point, any member attending Dayton is always free to bring anything up. There is always an open spot on the agenda for this purpose.

Minutes. Derek wrote that we should print the Annual Meeting Minutes. On this point, we agree. Minutes have been published in LNN after Dayton in past years, but not regularly. We will do so from now on.

Claims of Support. Finally, the opposition claims "people across the country" are calling them unhappy about LARC and the officers. No one other than Tom or Derek has ever contacted me directly, and I've only been given the name of one person outside Florida thus far. Meanwhile, I continue to receive messages from members *in support* of current club policy.

I certainly hope members will call or write me if they have concerns or disagreements. Most of you have known me for years; I'm open to reasoned and rational discussion. I'll even call you back on my nickel if that helps. For now it appears that all this uproar has been created by just a handful of members unable to accept the will of the majority.

Personal Stuff

CQ CQ! Attention hams, SWLers worldwide in English! This is WDX-3-IAP and WLS-1PA calling all stations worldwide in English. Active DXer wants to swap QSL cards with all stations. Also seeking pen-friends or those interested in swapping 60 minute audio cassette taped letters for sincere and life-long friendships. All replies will be answered. David Paolini, P.O. Box 24634, Philadelphia, PA 19111-0634.

I would like to correspond with any LARC members who are or were nightclub D.J.s or who collect modern dance music. Write or call — Robert Baker, WA2IEK, 262 40th Street, Irvington, NJ 07111-1149, (201) 374-9631

Would like to meet ham (or aspiring ham) for friendship and possible relationship. Dale A. Clark, WA0CFQ, Box 668, Wellsville, KS 66092, (913) 883-4090 (Leave message on machine if I'm out.)

I would like to share my home and expense with a compatible ham. LeRoy D. Lawhorn, W4VIW, Lambda #1095, 357 Hillandale Rd., Apt. 238, Greenville, SC 29609-2310, (803) 370-3709

Pen friends wanted. Diverse interests: CW, packet, public service, history, Aretha Franklin and Patsy Cline, and more. Please reply to N2DLJ, Craig Hubbard, 398 N. Sea-Mecox Road, Southampton, NY 11968-2809.

A Statement from the Officers of LARC

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"BE IT RESOLVED that the membership hereby expresses its confidence in current elected officers and affirms all current long-standing club policies and procedures, including requirements for club membership, voting, office-holding, the newsletter, and all aspects of club operations as fully consistent with the current LARC Constitution and By-Laws."

OFF THE CAMBODIA ANATOLIA
RADIO CLUB

KI4ZN Resigns Post as LARC Treasurer

Tom Hendrix (KI4ZN) has resigned his post as Treasurer of LARC. He has held that position since being appointed in January 1989. Tom posted notice of his resignation on seta.fi on March 29, 1995. The full text follows.

In the interest of brevity, I am paraphrasing a letter I sent to Bob Laycock (KA8UHL) our present President.

Your article in the "Push to Talk" column stirred the pot again! I have had several calls resenting the remarks submitted. (In a subsequent telephone call you asked for names, I have sent them to you via Postal Service.) We wonder why you complain about articles submitted to seta.fi when you publish your article without running it by our chapter (does Rank have its Privileges). I expressed a desire to you to have a copy of the agenda to be presented at Dayton and requested that we have the opportunity to submit items for discussion.

I bring another point for your consideration. Several of our members are not out of the closet by choice but by job considerations and future retirement benefits. We who are retired or have non-sensitive job positions can laugh at their concerns because it doesn't effect our security. However, if you were FBI, CIA or employed by the government as a civilian, GI, or whatever be willing to march down 5th Avenue in a gay parade.

Some of us remember a few years ago when [a member] sent out some beefcake pictures to the membership using the club roster as a database. A tremendous furor was raised. He was told that membership was private and inviolate. Is that true today? I/We have no problem with the distribution of the LNN since this seems to be an accepted practice and probably might be of help.

However, we feel that no call letters nor identifying picture captions should be published without a release from the

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person involved (unless he has specifically notified the editor of LNN that he has no problem. This would include such mundane things as who was on a net unless a membership number or first name was given. By the way, what are membership numbers for?

Although e-mail is fantastic for us on it, other members are out of the communication path unless they can access Internet. We need more officers on the scheduled Nets. Bob tells me that the Constitution doesn't require the President to have a General class license which makes me wonder if this shouldn't be a requirement! He sure can't reach me from [Cleveland] without a long time delay on packet, nor any other members outside his area. John (WK8X) is doing a wonderful job of coordinating net participation. There is now an 80m net of both Sunday and Wednesday night. We have a very active net going on 40 meters on Sunday at 9:45 local time.

As I expressed, I am still concerned that you didn't bother to let us know about your privileged editorial since it reflected on our membership.

As I subsequently discussed with you on the phone, consider this my resignation from the Executive Committee and as Treasurer of the club. I can not in good conscience remain a member of the executive committee and accept "the official position." Appoint someone to whom I should send the records. I have obtained this day appropriate forms to facilitate this transfer. You may choose to continue to use Federal Trust in Winter Park, Florida, which is interest free, checks free (as a community organization) or you can move the account to some other location.

Tom Hendrix (KI4ZN)

Dayton Hamvention Dates

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KK3K's Uplink

by Jim Kelly, KK3K

You must be wondering what's going on within LARC. Didn't we just vote to adopt a revised club constitution and by-laws late last year, and didn't we just elect a brand new slate of club officers to conduct the affairs of the club for the next two years? Of course we did. Then, why all the commotion? What's all this nasty squabbling all about?

Well, since January, our new LARC officers, Bob (KA8UHL), Nick (KA1MQX) and Doc (N2IKR) have been under siege from a small but vocal minority of members who want fundamental changes in the way our club operates. Some of the changes they seek are elitist in nature and run directly counter to our club constitution, such as establishing a license-class requirement for voting in LARC elections and holding LARC office, and another requirement that one must operate on HF in order to be a LARC officer or even a full-fledged LARC member! Other changes they seek would return our club as an organization to the closet. And all this comes at a time when we are seeing an increase in membership inquiries, one of the benefits of our normalized relations with the ARRL and our increased acceptance in the overall ham community.

Unfortunately, this minority has been disruptive. One of these individuals took to the airwaves before one of our regularly scheduled nets to broadcast what he termed as the "Sunshine Chapter News Bulletin." This so called "bulletin" falsely accused club officers of censorship, and demanded changes in established club policy that would mean a return to fully-closeted club operations — (LARC came out of the closet a decade ago). This "news bulletin" was little more than a public attack on good-intentioned people, our duly elected officers, who are working hard for the club. Another member of this minority created a problem for our new officers by publicly criticizing

LARC officers while responding in a public forum to issues raised in a private and preliminary LARC Executive Committee discussion. This preempted our officer's ability to rationally discuss and formulate policy and forced them instead to devote time and effort to a needless and at times acrimonious public e-mail exchange. The bottom line is that our new officers have had to devote a lot of time to "putting out fires" rather than doing constructive work for the club.

There are right ways and wrong ways to go about raising issues for discussion and airing grievances. Our club constitution provides for regular elections, constitutional amendments, and even recall petitions. There are established procedures in place to allow for constructive criticism and rational discussion. However, a dissatisfied minority, none of whom ran for election last time, nor objected to our revised constitution and by-laws when they had the chance, has chosen since January to short-circuit all these established processes. This is a major problem that our officers must address because no democratic organization will survive for long if such disruptive behavior goes unchallenged.

Our new officers deserve a fair chance to serve in office without having to fend off a minority bent on radically changing long-standing LARC club policies while disrupting club operations until they get their way. Unfortunately, our new officers have been denied that opportunity and have been forced to defend themselves before they ever had a chance to get their feet on the ground.

We can have only one LARC constitution and by-laws at a time, only one LARC president at a time, and only one set of club purposes, goals and objectives at a time. We do have a new slate of officers who were elected last fall. And, we have a newly revised constitution and by-laws that clearly

spells out in detail what sort of organization LARC is supposed to be. One thing is clear: a minority of members, who *are* free to do as they wish with their own local chapter, are most certainly *not* free to negate LARC elections, overturn our club constitution, nor disrupt LARC's operations.

It is clear that two visions of LARC as an institution have emerged. One view, which I believe is that of the majority of members, is forward-thinking, open and inclusive. This view is encapsulated in the current LARC constitution and by-laws and is personified by the current LARC officers. The other view, a minority view, is closeted, elitist, and seeks a return to the past. But we cannot go back, and we shouldn't become an elitist organization by relegating some of our own members to second-class status within the club. The membership spoke last year by adopting the revised club constitution and by-laws, and by electing our current officers. Therefore, it is clear which view of LARC is held by the majority of our members.

It's time to end this three-month long campaign of disruption and allow our elected officers to proceed with the normal business of running the club. To accomplish this, the LARC Executive Committee will seek the passage of a vote of confidence resolution at Dayton. But not everyone can be in Dayton, so I call upon all of our members to rally behind our elected officers and our club constitution. If you can't make Dayton but would like your voice to be heard, then write a letter, send a postcard, e-mail, or a packet message, or telephone the LARC hotline to show your support for our elected officers and club constitution and by-laws. Already, Bob, Nick, and Doc have received strong messages of support from concerned members as word spreads about what has been going on.

See KK3K's UPLINK on page 6

K1ZZ Comments on LNN

ARRL Executive Vice President David Sumner (K1ZZ) e-mailed a message to LARC President Bob Laycock (KA8UHL) following the March Lambda Net News to express his feelings about the value of LNN distribution.

Dear Bob:

As a nonmember of LARC who receives *Lambda Net News*, I feel I should offer some comment on the subject of newsletter distribution outside of the club's membership that was raised in the March issue.

Jim Kelly added me to the distribution list about three years ago. I appreciated his doing so at the time, and appreciate continuing to receive the newsletter.

To my knowledge, during that time there has been no instance of Jim's gesture having resulted in inappropriate or unwanted publicity of any LARC member.

Regrettably, LARC members may have good reason to be concerned about the uncontrolled circulation of club material. I hope that whatever you decide to do to address that potential problem does not result in closing any useful communications channels.

Sincerely,
David Sumner, K1ZZ

KA8UHL responded:

Hi Dave,

Thank you very much for your message. I must say I appreciate your comments and desire to keep maximum communication open—and I appreciate how quickly you wrote. I had just walked in the door with my March LNN from the mail when I found your e-mail message!

I have had several messages of member support since the March issue and editorial, and no objections thus far

[March 18]. I believe the overwhelming majority of members are very happy with the club's public profile, including limited distribution of LNN to key individuals and organizations. But there are a few who have concerns and they have made these known — as they should in a democratic organization.

I think my position is clear that LARC should remain open, but I take these members' concerns very seriously. For some, it is difficult to be "out." Several LARC members in a city not far from here have had to endure some on-air harassment from the local hams in their area. (Actually, this had nothing to do with LNN distribution, however. They were known to be gay by the local hams before they ever joined LARC.)

Yet here in Cleveland we find the ham community very open and accepting. Other LARC members and I have had no problems — to the contrary, we'd received many proactive gestures of support. Conditions can be different from area to area.

Those of us who have been active in the gay civil rights movement believe the best antidote to prejudice is openness. Often those most prejudiced have never consciously known a gay person and thus have only the popular stereotypes and misinformation with which to form opinions. The more LARC is open, the more I believe nongay hams will come to accept us simply as friends in the hobby.

I'm sure we will discuss this more inside the group, but I am confident LARC will continue to participate actively in, and maintain open communication with, the mainstream amateur community. But we will always strive to do so in a way that offers appropriate protection to our members.

Thank you again for your message and your support.

Best 73,
Bob KA8UHL

KK3K's Uplink

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If you favor the reasoned approach and the goals that our club President has outlined in his newsletter columns, and if you object to a small minority of members attempting to thwart the democratic elections and constitutional ratification processes that we just recently concluded, then stand with your club officers now as they work to keep LARC open, democratic and inclusive. With your support, LARC can continue to fulfill its long-established mandate as a service-oriented ham club of which we all can be proud.

Letter from KI4ZN

On April 2, 1995, Tom Hendrix (KI4ZN) posted these "Additional Comments" on larc@seta.fi.

We all know that Jim Kelly is the *grand old man* of the club and now the new Treasurer and hopefully a very good friend of mine also. However, he should realize that any *democratic* organization should allow room for divergent opinions and LARC especially should allow for various viewpoints. Solidarity should *never* be our ultimate goal. Fascist organizations such as the Nazi and Hitler came close.

No one that I am aware of planned to overthrow anything except maybe some preset notions that everyone agreed with the club policy. We simply request that the members be allowed to voice their opinion, review the proposed agenda at Dayton and be allowed to submit topics just as any club might do. We also believe that the Constitution needs to be reviewed again and possibly changed. We are prepared to present some items for discussion. Voting on major items, for example, should be submitted to the entire membership for a vote. At present, *all* members are allowed to vote at election time and renewal.

I guess my vision of what the club wants and stands for is different from

See **LETTER FROM KI4ZN** on page 7

On the Air

by John Wittmann, WK8X

It's fun writing about the happenings on our LARC nets. We have some really unique members, and what they do for a living covers the spectrum. But nothing beats an honest to goodness, face to face "eyeball QSO." After chatting many times over the air, meeting the other operator can be really exciting. This is why LARC's gathering at Dayton is a *must*.

I attended my first LARC meeting at Dayton several years ago, having just joined and not really knowing anyone. Well, this is not your ordinary ham get-together. The feeling of being with people I'd known all my life, and of total acceptance, was just *tremendous*! I found real warmth and a friendliness that was genuine. Here were hams I could be with, without having to be guarded about my lifestyle. The combining of these two important facets of my life was in itself a "coming out." I really urge you to contact Howard (W9BVD) and join us this year. You won't be disappointed!

LARC is sponsoring Volunteer Exams while we're in Dayton at the EconoLodge. They will begin Friday at 6:00 PM and are open to all. Bring your current license, CSCE exam credit forms and photocopies of each, along with two

pieces of ID, one with picture. If you fail an exam, you can still test the next day at the Hamvention, if you preregistered with them.

LARC-member ARRL VE's are encouraged to help us give exams. Bring your lapel badge and see me by Friday. Last year we had nine ARRL-accredited examiners, and we'd like to exceed that this year, if just to show the League we are a strong club dedicated to serving our members.

The Sunday and Wednesday night 75m nets have really gone well since our QSY to the 3.782 MHz area. New checkins have included Ruthie (AA2IO) from Rochester, New York, with her handblasting Alpha linear, and newly-returned Matt (NY3F) checking in from Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana. He's there finishing up on his PhD. (Thanks to KK3K for inviting him back.) Both expect to be with us at Dayton.

Around the shack Thursday mornings? Tom (KI4ZN) and Derek (G4JKE) have a sked on 7.280 kHz around 10:00 AM eastern time. Why not join them?

That's it for this time. See you at Dayton!

Letter from KI4ZN

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the [Executive] Committee and is the reason I felt that I should separate myself from the Executive group. I thought of us as a group of ham operators who just happened to be gay and enjoyed each others companionship and socialize with each other. Again, if some of the members want to be active and

participate in parades, etc ... more power to them. God knows, even if I were an activist, I would have scant opportunity here in Fruitland Park. However, my point is that the club should be strong enough to accept both viewpoints.

I find it rather one-sided to say that every member of the club must be out of the closet or drop membership. Is that a constitutional requirement, Doc? Is that what our officers are saying? I personally, KI4ZN, have no problem as everyone knows since you have seen my call letters in every issue of LNN. But I do defend the right of others to retain their privacy and this should be each individual's choice.

I wonder if Doc likes to be flamed as much as he does me. About the only thing I can remember that he has contributed

to the club is his absence! He hasn't been on the nets and he hasn't been to Dayton. I understand also that he doesn't plan to attend at Dayton this year either. I am pleased to say that we have engendered renewed on-air participation and Nick now regularly meets us on the 80m net and Jim Kelly also. If we are not concerned with radio participation and hamming in general, we could just call our club "The Lambda Knitting and Computing Club" (LKCC) or perhaps the "Lambda Amsat and Beefcake Net (LABN). We could then remove *Amateur Radio* from the club title.

One last note, I don't know why the idea of censoring the Lou Vencel's [KA4EPS] article happened in the first place since all members get LNN. In June 1994, LNN carried an article detailing gay activity in London. In the same issue NJ5E, Ramsey, described a clothing optional gay resort in Tennessee and invited members to attend. I wonder if Wayne Green attended or any of the ARRL staff?

KK3K Accepts Temporary Post as LARC Treasurer

On receipt of the unfortunate resignation of Tom (KI4ZN), LARC President Bob (KA8UHL) appointed Jim (KK3K) to fill in as Acting Treasurer of LARC until the post can be filled on a permanent basis. Many thanks to Jim for helping out

during this change. If you're interested in helping the club as Treasurer, contact Bob (KA8UHL) at the club P.O. Box listed on page 2.

Letter from K2BIG

Dear Editor:

As a member of 15 years in LARC, I am really quite surprised by the current few members who take exception to the aims of LARC. Ours is a service oriented club and as such we represent all sexual minorities who are hams, who aspire to be hams or who support us, be they hams or not, be they a sexual minority or not. To have a few individuals within our own group who would seek to put us back to where we were, when I first joined LARC in 1982, would be a disservice to all of the individuals who have worked so hard to achieve and accomplish many goals.

I think if these people are discontented with the club and it's aspirations, they shouldn't have joined in the first place, and no one twisted their arms to join. I would ask what these people have done for the club. Have they run for office in our elections? Have they promoted our club with other sexual minorities? Or are they perhaps the ones who write the letters [of protest to hostile ham organizations or publications] expressing outrage that gays, lesbians, transsexuals and transgendered people have no right to have a club like this?

Are they the closet cases that hide in the backrooms and condemn us for being forthright and out where all can see us, because they themselves are afraid to show their faces? One-on-one are they confrontational or just that way in a small group? If they are not content with our group, no one is making them stay, and I for one say, let them get the hell out of our club. We worked long and hard to get to where we are. This is what we want from our club. We want it to stand up against the straights and the people who would have us, "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." That is so much baloney, it smells like the garbage in the sewers.

If you have all your life hidden who you are and you join a group that advocates otherwise, best you leave, for you will never be happy with that group. You want to be a group of hams who are only gay, but

the only ones who know are yourselves — well, then you don't want to belong to LARC. Sounds to me, like you're the guys who are on the old boys net, pretending you're straight, making up the jokes about gays, lesbians, and other minorities, and laughing at jokes made by others. It sounds to me like you're a bunch of old guys, who like maintaining the status quo, of life in the closet as you know it.

And I'm sure no matter what I say, I'm not going to change your minds, even though you have no idea who I am. Maybe most of the people want to say things that I am saying but are afraid to say them for they like being liked by everyone. Well, makes no difference to me, if you don't like what I say, I still have to say it. I really am not concerned if you like me or what I say, as I didn't write what I wrote here because I seek to be popular amongst others. Popularity is reserved for the young. As we get older, we can look back and know that we have enjoyed the fruits of our labors.

Who would want to belong to a mealy-mouthed bunch of jerks who adhered to what the rest of the world wanted us to be like. We've been lucky to have people in our group who were willing to stand up to everyone else, the people at [73] and all the other biased hams who would have us go away. Well we are not going away. We are here to stay. And we as a club will strive and fight for all the individuals in our club. It's similar to the people in all walks of the sexual community who for years have been fighting for their rights and ours. Do they stop when they get to age 65, because, "Well, hey youngster, if it wasn't for me, you wouldn't be here today where you are, so you fight and I'll sit back and watch." You can never stop fighting until you have achieved everything that everyone else has. Perhaps some prefer to remain second class citizens. The rest of us do not.

Joe Greenberg (K2BIG)

Letter from AA2DY

John Kent (AA2DY) was one of several members who wrote to LARC President Bob Laycock (KA8UHL) regarding the current controversy in the club. John's letter appears below, along with responses from Bob and LARC Acting Treasurer, Jim Kelly (KK3K)

Hi Bob,

First let me say that I fully support your handling of this situation, even though I'm still a little confused regarding exactly how this dispute began. I agreed fully with your column in the recent LNN. I also agree with Jim's post to the [seta.fi] list this morning.

Regarding the newsletter policy, wouldn't it be possible for anyone who does not wish to be mentioned in the newsletter to notify the newsletter editor of this in writing? The editor could keep a list, and even use a word processor to search for the calls/names in question to assure that these people weren't mentioned. Does it work this way now? Wouldn't that be sufficient to keep everyone happy?

Keep up the good work.

John Kent (AA2DY)

Response from Bob Laycock (KA8UHL):

Hi John,

Thanks very much for your support. Actually, I too am confused about how all this got started. We are doing nothing different than we have for years now — and Tom (KI4ZN) has been a member of the leadership setting policy for quite some time. So, it's kind of mystifying.

In response to your question: Yes, technically speaking, we could easily delete callsigns from LNN for those members wishing to remain in the closet, but I guess a key part of this dispute is whether LARC is a closeted club. LARC has already decided it is not.

We could delete calls from the newsletter, but members still need to legally ID on the air during nets. To address this, the opposition suggests we should identify our nets as the "5272 Net" rather than the "LARC Net" as we have for years.

At that point, the entire net is then in the closet. How far does it go?

So it all comes back to this: LARC is either out of the closet or it's in. And we've decided so far that it's out. I realize this puts some members or potential members in a bind, and I truly regret this. As I wrote in March, members need to consider their situation and make a decision.

If some people decide they have to stay away from LARC, that's a terrible shame — *not* on them or us, but instead on the homophobia of our society.

Hopefully if LARC and groups like it stay out, these gay hams can later be safely out themselves. If LARC goes back in, we've conceded victory to the bigots.

Thanks again, John. I appreciate your support.

Response from Jim Kelly (KK3K):

Hello John,

Thanks for your message of support. This is greatly appreciated. I'd like to comment on one thing you wrote: [There are several problems with removing callsigns from LNN.] I'm afraid. Let me explain.

First, this really would be next to impossible to implement and manage and would constitute a further burden on those volunteers already working hard on the newsletter.

It would imply that there is something wrong with being a member of LARC, whether you're gay or straight. Bear in mind that we do have straight members, and none of them has ever complained about their names, calls or other ID appearing in LNN. Many nonmember calls have also appeared in LNN. They haven't complained either. But can you imagine the record-keeping that we could get into here if we start trying to figure out who's in and who's out each month, among members and nonmembers, as we try to assemble the newsletter up against our deadlines? And wouldn't it be ridiculous to include full information on nonmembers and hide some of our own?

Letters from W4/G4JKE

Derek King (G4JKE) has written several letters to LARC President Bob Laycock (KA8UHL) with suggestions and opinions about LARC operations. The first was printed last month in LNN. Derek's second and third letters follow here.

February 7, 1995

Dear Mr. President,

I would like to make the following observations/comments for publication in the appropriate newsletters as you deem fit.

1. Gateway-ing. Because many LARC members are not in a license class to join in many of our phone nets, I would like to propose a relay system whereby, e.g. an Advance or Extra class station rebroadcasts a General or Tech etc. into, e.g. 3.780 MHz to create an 80m net or 1-1/2m, 2m, 10m into our 20m nets and maybe even phone patch and even further international via OSCAR into our USA national nets.

I understand that it's quite legal and would certainly enhance our ideas interchange. Clearly this proposal would require some planning, but if it works we could be in for some exciting and innovative times.

2. It would be nice to see a Sunshine Chapter 1-1/4m and 10m net established or a 2m net with gateway from 1-1/4m and 10m. It would require quite a different order of net control but let's get talking about it.

3. Since we all agree that we be discrete whilst on the HF phone nets, it would be nice if we could "loosen our girdles" a little in the newsletters. But to do this, our newsletter should be for *members only* with no third party distribution especially as LNN contains callsigns, names and in the "Personal Stuff" phone numbers and addresses!!

4. During a gathering of the Sunshine Chapter at the Miami Hamfest, some thought was given to making Derek's callsign more easy to remember. The following emerged: G4JKE, "good for just kissing *everything*!!!"

5. Whilst, I, as a reciprocal license holder, am obliged to add either a prefix or suffix "W4," you all are no so required since you are quite entitled to call G4JKE and I answer from, say, the UK plain or adorned, i.e. PA/, XE/, VE/, etc. Internationally and FCC accepted, it has proved better to prefix "W4/" to overcome the problem of DX hunter "jumping the gun" and not hearing the the suffix "/W4" system.

In trusting you will find these ideas useful, I remain with but [?] and all the good numbers,

Derek King (G4JKE) - LARC 1249

March 20, 1995

Oh, what a politicized tangle appeared in the March LNN. What exactly has avoiding mindless jamming on our nets and sensible security for our members personal data got to do with closeting?

Isn't it also vital to improve communication within our club and obtain a true consensus if we would make claims like "collective voice," "standard bearer," and "flagship."

If our executive wishes to truly represent us to the outside world then it has an obligation to report back to us and place itself in a position to be questioned by us.

Most clubs have annual meetings, proxy voting, agreed resolutions and even a radio news bulletin! Does this occur in Dayton? I have never seen an invitation for agenda points, an agenda nor the minutes of such a meeting, and has anyone polled the membership on an annual meeting location. Should it *always* be in Dayton? (I find it crowded, crummy and very poor value for money.)

My wish for our club is for one that is highly interactive, mostly socially oriented and an executive with a light sensitive touch who would avoid becoming a heavy handed activist dictatorship.

Derek - 1249

Letter from AA2DY

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It would also set up two classes of LARC members. This we must avoid at all cost. In fact, some of those complaining now want to set up an elaborate class structure within the club, with unlicensed members denied the vote. It has even been suggested that a General Class license or better be a requirement to hold LARC office! Members of sexual minorities are already largely relegated to second class citizenship in our society. We really must not get into the business of different classes or types of membership.

It would be fundamentally unfair to those members who are identified in the newsletter. We all consent by joining to abide by the club constitution which calls for all members to support the organization. Having a class of members hidden from or invisible in the newsletter runs counter to the spirit of our club. Like Don (WB6LYT) once told me: "We all sink or swim together."

Finally, this is really just not necessary. There has not been one documented case of anyone ever being harmed by their association with LARC. The newsletter has been sent to select individuals for years now, and nothing negative has happened to anyone. Actually, people have been surprised and delighted by the reactions of their associates when it is discovered that they are LARC members. Wayne (AI9Q), who distributes our newsletter, was concerned about his picture and call appearing in the QST LARC DXpedition article last year. But talk to him now. He was recently elected president of his local ham club. Ask Jim Keeth (AF9A) about his experiences as well.

This drive to reopen the closet door and partially step back in is based on a few people's fears, fears that are unfounded.

As I have often pointed out, no one, not LARC, not you, not I, can guarantee anyone anonymity. If that's what someone requires, then they just cannot join gay organizations, it's that simple.

John, I'm sure you understand, and once again, thanks very much for your supportive message.

John later wrote again, saying, "Upon thinking further about it, I came to the realization that what I had suggested was probably not workable or desirable for the club overall. Jim responded to me and confirmed that he also felt that it wasn't desirable. I agree that LARC should not take any steps back toward the closet. Good luck, you have my support."

DX in the Tropics: VP2E Hamcation

UPDATE! Caribbean Island Apartment for Hamcation Rental in Anguilla, BWI

Location: The apartment is located above Little Harbour on the side of South Hill. It is in the lower part of a private home (Dave and Dorothea's). The apartment has its own porch, two captain's beds, a desk operating position for ham radio, a kitchenette with mini-fridge, stove, sink, microwave, full bathroom with shower and closets. There are ceiling fans, built-in bookcase with books, a clock radio, dishes, and cooking/eating utensils. Maid service is provided.

Rates: The rates are US\$90 per day plus 8% government tax (total US\$97.20 per day) for up to two people.

Deposit: 25% of total bill. If you cancel at least 30-days prior to your scheduled visit, we will refund your deposit in full.

Payment: Cash or check. We are unable to accept credit cards.

Rental Cars: We can arrange for you. Cost is US\$35 per day, depending on season. The car rental agency takes credit cards and needs to see your U.S. driving license when you pick up the car. They will give you a temporary Anguillian driver's license, which costs US\$6. Driving is on the left side, but it is not difficult to get used to as there is not much traffic in Anguilla.

Getting Here: The easiest way is through San Juan, Puerto Rico. American Airlines runs American Eagle service from San Juan direct to Anguilla and takes about 55 minutes. There are two flights a day, one in the morning and the other at night. Flights leaving Anguilla are in the morning and in the afternoon.

Ham License: A VP2E license costs US\$39.06 at this time for a stroke callsign (VP2E/yourcall). A regular VP2E callsign costs double, but only needs to be held by one in a group. We can arrange it or take you to the license office so you can do it yourself. There is only one license class here, which gives all emission and frequency privileges. License fees are scheduled to rise in January 1995 to US\$46.50 (cash payment) or US\$48.36 paid by cheque).

Equipment: Bring your own rig or rent one from us. The ham position is equipped with an RM35A Astron 35 amp power supply with meters and a banana-jack power strip. We supply an antenna tuner, dummy load, antenna switches, ICE bandpass filters on all bands, a 2-meter voice and packet radio, and a packet TNC. Antennas include: Mosley Pro54 (10, 12, 15, 17, & 20 meters) yagi, Cushcraft CD40 (2 element, 40 meter) yagi, Optimized 4-element 6 meter yagi, Cushcraft R7 vertical (10-40 meters), and an 80-160 meter Windom wire antenna. Electrical supply is 120-volts AC, 60 Hz. The rental rig is an Icom IC-735 with optional CW filters and CW keyer and rents for \$25 per day.

Contact: A complete packet of information including photos is available from LARC members Dorothea (VP2EE) or Dave (VP2EHF) Mann, P.O. Box 599, Anguilla, British West Indies. Phone: (809) 497-2150, FAX: (809) 497-3557, or E-Mail: 74227.3127@compuserve.com

Not Renewed Yet?

If you've not renewed your membership in LARC yet ... you'd better do it soon! You'll only receive the February issue of the LNN before your mailbox will be empty of the latest news and views from other members. Don't put it off — renew today! Need a renewal form? Call the LARC Hotline and request one. Be sure to include your name, call (if any), and complete mailing address:

(216) 556-1642

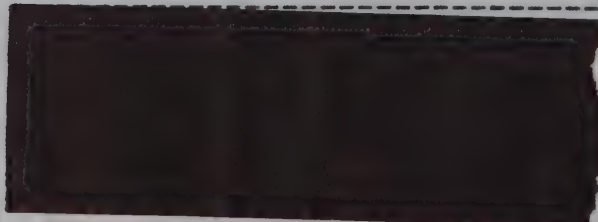
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Net Newsbits

Compiled by Bob Laycock, KA8UHL

LARC Gateway Chapter member **Bob Nicolai (WØEKM)** was shot in a street robbery in front of his business January 16. He was in Intensive Care for three weeks with a stomach wound that severed a main artery. A passing police car moments after the shooting saved his life. At press time, Bob was about to undergo skin graft surgery and was expected home about March 1. Cards and letters can be sent to Bob Nicolai, 4038 N. 9th St., St. Louis, MO 63147.

LARC Honorary member **Dick Ramey**, partner of LARC treasurer Tom Hendrix (KI4ZN), suffered a cerebral blood clot which the doctors have successfully dissolved. Tom reports Dick has no paralysis and his speech is not slurred, but the event was quite a scare. Dick and Tom host LARC's Hospitality Suite each year at Dayton. Cards and letters can be sent to Dick Ramey, 02406 Lake Ella Road, Fruitland Park, FL 34731-5324.

Paul Hulse (KK6JD) is going to participate as rider #720 in the Second Annual California AIDS Ride, May 14 to May 20. The 7-day 525-mile bicycle ride from San Francisco to Los Angeles benefits the Jeffrey Goodman AIDS Clinic of the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center. Each rider is pledged to raise at least \$2,200. Paul is looking for individuals to pledge. Please write to him. He can send you a pledge form by mail or FAX, or send a GIF via the Internet. Paul's Internet address is: phulse@earthlink.net

Wayne Schuler (AI9Q) is asking that mail be sent to him at: C. Wayne Schuler, 13901 SE 18th Circle #12, Vancouver, WA 98684. Wayne writes that his private mailbox company has gone out of business and he can't get his mail! He writes he can "see mail stacked behind the counter. The landlord is not permitted to touch the mail or give to me, the main post office will not give me my mail...." He continues, "A good reason to only deal with a real post office."

John Wittmann (WK8X) will be running a VE session for ham licenses at Dayton. It will be Friday afternoon at 6:00

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On the Air

by John Wittmann, WK8X

This month I'd like to recap recent FCC actions affecting us hams. "Vanity" callsigns are coming. For \$70 for a ten-year period, you can select any unused call appropriate to your license class, even in another call area. There will be four "windows" during which you can apply. The first will allow anyone to reclaim a former callsign, and allow you to take the call of a deceased family member (and presumably would allow a Novice to get Grandpa's old two-letter call!).

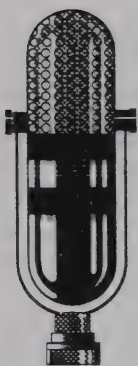
The second window period is for Extra Class to apply for anything that's left. Window three then allows Advanced Class their choice. Lastly, window four allows remaining hams and clubs their choice of the remaining calls.

For non-hams this may all seem trivial, but when for much of one's life a ham is known to many only by his or her first name and callsign, a new call is a big decision. I know it was for me after being "WA8CTC" for over a quarter century. FCC Form 610-V should be available soon, and this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to let your imagination go wild! Think of some of the combinations you could dream up!

The other good news is the FCC has finally implemented electronic filing, where the VE Teams continue to mail exams and 610 forms from exam sessions to the Volunteer Examiner Coordinator. Now the VEC takes this data and sends it via e-mail directly by modem to the FCC. The new license or upgrade may be issued the same day! It's a far cry from the 16 to 20 weeks it sometimes took. Once your new license has been granted you can begin using your new call immediately, even before the license comes in the mail. Phone 800-322-1117. Soon you'll also be able to access their database directly to find any license data.

The Sunday LARC HF nets continue to be active. The Sunshine Chapter continues to be well represented on the 40 meter morning net, with WB4ZMK and KI4ZN punching strong signals into the northern states. The afternoon 20 meter net is really our national net, with recent surprises like

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Push To Talk

by Bob Laycock, KA8UHL

President, LARC

Most agree this has been a warm winter, but things got a little hotter in January for the new LARC officers. It all began one Saturday afternoon when I was at deadline finishing up the February newsletter. As I hurried to finish, I found myself wondering if I should include a few references contained in the Sunshine Chapter's report. Given the late hour, I yielded to caution. I cut the material and transmitted the completed newsletter to Long Beach for layout. I also sent e-mail messages

to the other officers telling them of my action and requested their feedback for future guidance.

In less than a day, *before* most officers had a chance to respond, a protest was broadcast to the membership on seta.fi and the Sunday nets. A week-long "censorship" fight ensued, after which we restored and published the full original text exactly as first submitted.

Why cut the material in the first place? Fair question. The *Lambda Net News* is distributed to a limited list of people and organizations outside the LARC membership. This is a long-standing practice established by the former officers. Former president Jim Kelly (KK3K) talks about this in his "Uplink" column this month.

Having only been president three weeks that Saturday, I was still learning the ropes. I was aware of our broader audience and consequently wasn't sure if everything in Sunshine's report was appropriate. I needed to bounce it off the other officers for their reaction, and believe this caution as the new president was appropriate. In the end, most felt the report was perfectly fine as submitted and, further, consensus reaffirmed our conviction that LARC should write *its* newsletter to suit *its membership*, not others. I don't expect "censorship" to arise again as an issue.

LARC and the Closet

This episode, however, has raised broader and significant questions: Should LARC distribute LNN outside the membership? Should we mention callsigns in the newsletter? Should we say "LARC" on the air during our nets, or use some reference nonmembers wouldn't recognize? In essence, *should LARC return to the closet?*

Underlying all these questions is a concern among some members that their association with LARC may result in public disclosure of their sexual orientation and bring negative consequences. This is a serious concern that each of us confronts in our lives once we decide to share our identity with other people. The question is, what is the proper response to this concern?

I believe that each of us must decide for ourselves how comfortable we are venturing out into the world. I always urge people to come out, but I recognize I didn't do it personally until I was ready. Others also need to decide when they are ready, and then how far to go.

But I think we also have to recognize that once we start the process, it can't always be controlled. Subscribe to a gay newspaper, and we run the risk our neighbor might see it in our mailbox. Go to a gay bar, and we run the risk a friend or co-worker might drive by just as we are walking in. Join LARC, and we run the risk other hams might learn of our membership.

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Membership rosters are published several times each year and will be inserted into an issue of the LAMBDA NET NEWS. This summarized roster lists basic member information. If you'd like to receive a highly detailed, in-depth listing of each member, just send a 9" x 12" self-addressed envelope with \$1.90 postage affixed and a custom printed roster will be on its way to you. This way, you can have an updated roster as often as you'd like and LARC will not be sending rosters to anyone who doesn't want one.

Mail your request TODAY to the address immediately above.

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LARC Chapter Directory

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North Coast Chapter

Contact: Brian DeWitt (N8VTA) or
Doug Braun (KB8TGT)
2350 Grandview Avenue
Cleveland Heights, OH 44106-3120
(216) 229-2827

Serves NE Ohio. No dues or regular business meetings, but do hold occasional social gatherings. Also, Internet roundtable and numerous public service events.

Finger Lakes Chapter — 1995

Contact: Bob Hunter (NG2P)
46 Linden Street
Rochester, NY 14620-2310
(716) 442-7185

Serves western and central NY state. Monthly dinner and meeting. Annual dues are \$5.

Gateway (GLARC) Chapter — 1993

Contact: Bob Hamilton (WA0S)
2301 Park Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63104-2541
(314) 773-4056

Serves midwest. Meetings 1st Thursday of each month. Call for location.

Hollywood Chapter — 1993

Contact: Rick Fearn (K6VE), President
P.O. Box 65643
Los Angeles, CA 90065
(213) 256-6556

Serves southern California. Meetings are quarterly on weekends on announced schedule. Dues. Note: Field trips and outings are often scheduled.

Sunshine (SLARC) Chapter — 1994

Contact: Tom Hendrix (K14ZN)
02406 Lake Ella Road
Fruitland Park, FL 34731

Serves Florida. Meetings are held at hamfest locations throughout the state during the year and as required.

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What about the consequences? No doubt, there is real gay oppression out there. We didn't make all this stuff up, after all. But I find most gays discover their fears of anticipation from the closet far, far worse than their real life experiences once out. In fact, many are stunned at the level of support they receive. They expect to become social pariahs but instead find greater respect from others and also greater personal happiness.

Whatever the consequences, the decision to come out is a personal one we each make *for ourselves*. If we are not ready personally, that's fine, but we can't then expect the rest of the gay community and gay organizations to remain in the closet for our benefit. If other people and gay organizations are not visible, the social prejudice creating our oppression will never change. It's clear to me that the progress of gay liberation in the early 70s was a pivotal factor in my own decision to come out in 1975. Watching others gave me courage. Gays still in the closet today are looking to us for their courage.

LARC came out years ago. It was a fundamental prerequisite in our decision to fight prejudice within the ham community. I don't believe we've built this new relationship with the League only to retreat now back to the closet. In fact, I believe the whole newsletter episode we just experienced is a reaffirmation of our demand that we be accepted as we are, *on our terms*. We won't adapt ourselves to suit others.

I'm sympathetic to the concerns of those members who are afraid to be "outed." The club takes precautions to protect its membership. We carefully screen prospective members and *we never, ever distribute our roster to nonmembers*. (Somehow the idea keeps resurfacing that we do this — we don't!) Beyond this, I think each LARC member needs to look to himself or herself and make a personal decision.

It would be a terrible and tragic mistake for LARC to retreat to the closet now after all the progress we've made. We've been featured in *QST* for our DXpedition, our display ad has appeared, and some are even talking now about a booth at Dayton sometime. We're getting letters from hams who have been watching us from the sidelines and are now thanking us for "fighting the good fight." I believe to retreat now would betray everything we've accomplished.

LARC and Chapter Autonomy

I need to say a few words here about the relationship between LARC International and the local chapters. LARC International encourages the local chapters to submit reports for *Lambda Net News* because we support them. We

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Personal Stuff

CQ CQ! Attention hams, SWLers worldwide in English! This is WDX-3-IAP and WLS-1PA calling all stations worldwide in English. Active DXer wants to swap QSL cards with all stations. Also seeking pen-friends or those interested in swapping 60 minute audio cassette taped letters for sincere and life-long friendships. All replies will be answered. David Paolini, P.O. Box 24634, Philadelphia, PA 19111-0634.

I would like to correspond with any LARC members who are or were nightclub D.J.s or who collect modern dance music. Write or call — Robert Baker, WA2IEK, 262 40th Street, Irvington, NJ 07111-1149, (201) 374-9631

Would like to meet ham (or aspiring ham) for friendship and possible relationship. Dale A. Clark, WA0CFQ, Box 668, Wellsville, KS 66092, (913) 883-4090 (Leave message on machine if I'm out.)

I would like to share my home and expense with a compatible ham. LeRoy D. Lawhorn, W4VIW, Lambda #1095, 357 Hillandale Rd., Apt. 238, Greenville, SC 29609-2310, (803) 233-3527

Pen friends wanted. Diverse interests: CW, packet, public service, history, Aretha Franklin and Patsy Cline, and more. Please reply to N2DLJ, Craig Hubbard, 398 N. Sea-Mecox Road, Southampton, NY 11968-2809.

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believe the chapters are a great source of support and friendship for local members. But we do this as a *courtesy*, not as an *obligation*.

The LARC Constitution states (Article 9, Section 4a): "LARC and affiliated chapters will each recognize the complete autonomy of the other in all matters of policy and procedure." Consequently, chapters submitting reports for publication do so subject to editing decisions by LNN. That said, however, I don't expect future problems like we had in February over the Sunshine Chapter report. Editing is usually for space, spelling, grammar, punctuation, clarity and so on, not content.

And one final comment... Without going into detail, suffice it to say I feel the brief newsletter controversy got a little hotter than necessary. We're all friends here and we all want what's best for the club, though I realize we won't always agree on what that means. Let us at least agree to conduct our discussions and debates in a spirit of camaraderie and trust. Let's keep LARC fun.

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(yes, folks, in late April, 6 PM is still afternoon!) at the EconoLodge. Brush up that code! Upgrade at Dayton with your fellow LARC'ers!

Dayton room reservations are due March 15 for those wishing to stay with LARC at the EconoLodge. If you need a reservation form, call the LARC Hotline at 216-556-1642 or e-mail: LambdaARC@aol.com

Irv Goodman (AF2K) reports, "As a result of the resignation of N2IMS as Chairman of LARC/Finger Lakes Chapter, which was effective October 21, 1994, any special mailings for FLC are to be temporarily directed to I.J. Goodman (AF2K) until such time additional information is made available as a result of local Chapter elections."

Gordon Turner (WB5OYL) vacationed at Mardi gras in New Orleans this year.

Suzanne Goldberg, staff attorney at the Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund wrote to LARC: "[LLD&EF's] work in helping to create a more just world cannot be done without the courage and conviction of our plaintiffs who undertake tremendous personal and political risks in order to achieve fair and equal treatment for lesbians and gay men, and ultimately, for all people. On behalf of [LLD&EF], I thank you and LARC for your important contributions to the achievement of equal rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people, and wish you and LARC the best in all of your future endeavors."

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Paul (KK6JD) from Hollywood and Bill (N7MNT) from Port Townsend, Washington.

It seems the interference we experienced on the Sunday 75 meter net was not just us, but anyone who dared use the 3860 kHz frequency occupied by the "good old boys." We have QSY'd to around 3780 and it seems to be a good choice. It's in the Advanced portion of the band, but most of those on the old frequency hold at least that license anyway. A net with limited participation is better than no net at all!

Remember the Dayton Hamvention is the last weekend in April. We'll be giving amateur exams again on Friday night, so don't miss your chance to upgrade. More on this next month.

LARC Mailbag

To the Editor:

Unless there is a better idea, I would like to propose a frequency change to 3.862 MHz beginning if possible on Sunday, January 8, 1995.

This is to avoid mutual QRM with a Florida Gulf Coast "old timers" net on 3.658 and which is usually underway when we get started at 9:45 PM. Clearly having our net on 3.86 and transmitting lower sideband we must be disturbing them. In addition, they seem to be all running around 800 watts and come in at 9+20 dB even 2 MHz away (!) at this QTH, thus making our net very difficult to read.

In trusting you all accept this minor change, I remain with best 73s, 88s and New Years greetings,
Derek (G4JKE)

P.S. Since mentioning the LARC group "on air" can cause problems, may I suggest one possible alternative for on air: 5272 group. See your phone dial: L=5, A=2, R=7, C=2.

Thank you for your suggestion, Derek. What do others think? I think we should always remain courteous to others on the band, yet we need to remember also that LARC has met at this same frequency and time for over 10 years. Our net has moved up or down the band many times to accommodate everyone's enjoyment. Also, while mentioning "LARC" may occasionally provoke a homophobe to interfere, we'll only end the harassment by politely asserting our right to share the airwaves in compliance with the rules. de KA8UHL

Dayton Room Reservations

Be sure to get your Dayton Room Reservation Form in to Howard as soon as possible as rooms go quickly for this annual LARC get-together.

Chapter News

North Coast Chapter

The chapter met for an eyeball QSO on February 12 at a local hamfest. Doug (KB8TGT), Brian (N8VTA), Ray (N8KBF), Janice (N8TYV), Bob (KA8UHL), David, and Steve Chekey picked up a few items, notably Ray's 10-meter "Ham Stick" mobile antenna to go with his 20/40-meter one. On the way back to Cleveland, Ray checked into the Sunday 20-meter net mobile. Thanks also to Ray for organizing this outing.

Doug passed his General theory exam February 3, and is now working on the code. One of his VEs was Ron (N8FCX). Bob is also studying code; three people have said they will donate \$25 each to the club treasury if he passes 13 wpm at the LARC VE session in Dayton.

Kudos to Janice, who has become an Extra-class VE, and will be joining the team in Dayton. Congratulations also to Robin (KA8VOW) on her new Extra ticket. (I wrote last month that Robin's partner Gena had gotten it — sorry for the mixup.)

Janice, Bob, Doug, Brian, and Ron worked public service for the all-night Ohio Winter Rally on February 4. This is a time/speed/distance event is done, for added challenge, in the middle of the night on snow-country back roads —and, boy, did it snow this year. With the help of amateur radio, drivers ran the 250-mile course with only a few minor incidents. One radio message warned of a large, dead pig in the road, frozen solid. Is this what "ham" radio means? de N8VTA

Local chapters are invited to submit brief reports to Lambda Net News. Mail stories to the LARC P.O. Box or e-mail: LNetNews@aol.com. Deadline is the 15th of the month.

VP2V Space Available

There's still space available on this year's LARC DXpedition to Tortola, British Virgin Islands, and we'd love to have you join us.

We're planning to operate HF and OSCAR-13 Mode B and Mode S. Experience what it's like being at the bottom of the pile-up!

For details, contact Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI) at P.O. Box 91299, Long Beach, CA 90809 or call (310) 494-6765.

Dayton Hamvention Dates

April 28-30, 1995 • May 17-19, 1996
May 16-18, 1997 • May 15-17, 1998

KK3K's Uplink

by Jim Kelly, KK3K

This month I'd like to discuss the rationale behind LARC club policies on membership and the distribution of our membership rosters and newsletter. These policies were arrived at through much careful consideration and discussion over the years and I believe that they're sound, reasonable, effective and productive policies that should be continued.

Years ago we realized that our rosters and our newsletters must be two separate publications so that the roster could be made available to members only, while the newsletter could be distributed beyond the membership as required — just like the newsletters of countless other ham clubs. We do not provide our club roster to non-members, nor do we make the roster available for commercial mailings of any kind. We have made every effort to convey to the membership the importance of not releasing the roster to nonmembers. But the reason for restricting the distribution of our membership roster is solely to prevent the unauthorized use of the *addresses and phone numbers* of our members, and *not* to protect anyone's identity, sexual or otherwise. This is an important distinction which is based on the reality that LARC, like the ARRL or any other ham club or organization, simply cannot guarantee anonymity to anyone who joins the club.

The *Lambda Net News*, like any other ham club newsletter I know, is our club's flagship, our collective voice, and it's one of our most important regular ongoing club activities. As such it serves *two* very important purposes: (1) as a membership resource, and (2) as our standard bearer and collective voice as an organizational member of both the G/L/B/T community and the overall ham community. In connection with the second purpose, we have used LNN as a tool to disseminate information about the club to organizations such as the ARRL, to other media such as ham radio magazines and newsletters, and to interested organizations and individuals, such as journalists, book publishers, and authors and publishers of gay and lesbian community resource directories. We have entered LNN in club newsletter contests. LNN has been an invaluable tool in our efforts to publicize the club and gain acceptance in the ham radio community. An abbreviated version was even hand-distributed at Dayton one year. It has been available for select public distribution for a number of years.

It is essential that our newsletter be available as a resource that we can distribute publicly, since we are a ham club, not a secret society. We're now considering formal affiliation with the ARRL. We can't very well do that with a secret newsletter. While some members may be concerned about their calls appearing in LNN, to my knowledge, no one has ever been harmed by their association with LARC or having their name or callsign appear in the newsletter. Many calls, including calls of nonmembers and hams who are not members

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LARC's Internet roundtable this month included an announcement from Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI): "We have had a number of inquiries about LARC 'goodies' for the shack or articles of clothing we can wear at hamfests or Dayton. Currently, the VP2EEE DXpedition team is planning to have special clothing items made to wear at Dayton. However, we can make up general LARC items if members would like them." If you're interested, e-mail Don (dbledsoe@netcom.com) or write to the club P.O. Box.

The clothing discussion included some history about the origin of LARC's lambda/antenna logo. Jim (KK3K) conceived the idea and Irv (AF2K) did the artwork layout based on Jim's hand-made drawings.

Ray (N8KBF) wrote this month suggesting ways to improve rotations on the HF nets. He suggested each operator keep a slip of paper handy listing every station heard or mentioned by other stations in the general order of check-in. Before transmitting at your turn, wait a second or two to allow new stations an opportunity to check-in. If a new station checks in, acknowledge them and then pass control to them after your turn *and* tell them which station should follow when they are done. Net control stations should take note of the new station's position in the rotation.

Ray noted that each rotation won't be exactly the same on each cycle, but operators should try and keep track of stations who haven't had a recent turn. Then, if someone checks out for any reason, cross them off the list. At your turn, acknowledge the check-out so others are aware the station has left and know not to pass control back to them. Respect the fact that some operators may prefer to "listen out" because of

band conditions, or whatever. Finally, Ray advised to make sure all stations are aware in the event the net QSYs. Each station might be asked to announce their call and say, "QSY to xxx."

Ray concluded, "I realize these are simple ideas, and many of you old pros who have been LARC netting for a long time are probably a little insulted. Indeed, if some of you can improve on any of these concepts, I'm sure it would be appreciated by all. It's just disturbing to me to have stations check in only to be passed over in the rotation, or even sometimes ignored entirely. We're much too gregarious a group for that to happen!"

Bob (NG2P) posted a challenge to LARC president Bob Laycock (KA8UHL) to pass his General at the LARC VE Exam in Dayton. A successful upgrade will garner \$25 from NG2P for the LARC treasury. Similar challenges were posted by Jim (WB4ZMK) and Janice (N8TYV), *if* she can sign his CSCE. Reports have KA8UHL sweating bullets! So much attention!

Jim (KK3K) reported that a "growing public dispute over information bulletins broadcast on 3.975 MHz by K1MAN in Belgrade Lakes, Maine, has now developed into an open confrontation on that frequency on Sunday evenings beginning at about 8 PM. A group of hams who claim that K1MAN is QRMing their nets are now holding their own net in competition with K1MAN's bulletins at that time. [February 12th], they invited Fred Maia (WSYI) to be a guest check-in ... I believe [that] Wayne Green is the scheduled guest for Sunday, Feb 26."

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of the sexual minority community have appeared in LNN. That's why we publish the following disclaimer in each and every issue: "Publication of a name, callsign, picture or other representation of an individual or organization in the *Lambda Net News* is not in any way indicative of sexual orientation or preference." Sometimes, fear of what might happen is blown out of proportion and is unfounded. In any event, we cannot afford to attempt to alleviate some people's fears by returning LNN to the closet. That wouldn't work anyway.

We have never permitted members to join anonymously or to use aliases. There are four reasons for this: (1) Fairness. It's not fair to the members who are forthright about their identities to allow other individuals to join while hiding their identities. (2) Security. The best way to protect all of our members is to require everyone to reveal their identity. This is what makes careful screening of potential members possible. Closeted members would be very difficult to screen and would be real security risks if admitted to the club. (3) The nature of ham radio. We're supposed to be professional communicators and ambassadors of good will. But we can't very well do these things if we keep our identities a secret. (4) G/L/B/T principles. As a gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgendered community organization, LARC has embraced certain principles including pride in who we are, and the notion that closets are for clothes, not people — and especially not gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered hams.

As has always been the case, each individual member of LARC must assess their own situation relative to LARC membership. But I think that the club has an excellent track record and good policies which should be continued in regard to membership, our rosters, and our newsletter.

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If not, let us know! Send an E-Mail to: dbledsoe@netcom.com and we'll add you to the list.

Caribbean View

Dave & Dorothea Mann, VP2EHF & VP2EE

Editorial Note: Last month, the Lambda Net News reprinted an article from the W5YI Report about the "Caribbean Beacon" in Anguilla. This month, LARC members Dave (VP2EHF) and Dorothea (VP2EE) Mann provide a local perspective.

The Wescott Ministries and its eccentric leader, Gene Scott, are turning up the RF power in Anguilla. The recent *W5YI Report* had an excellent summary of the megawatt radio station expansion here. Various local political groups are accusing each other of skullduggery; local activist groups are lining up to oppose expansion of the radio station. However, while many of Anguilla's residents are protesting, others dither over who gets the blame. Meanwhile, towers and equipment are being rushed toward completion and full multi-megawatt output.

Some of the bizarre pronouncements by Reverend Gene Scott during his TV programs include statements that "The Devil is working against the Secret Seven in Anguilla." These comments usually come after another Anguillian public interest group announces opposition to the Beacon megawatt station complex. Scott uses has a series of code words and phrases for describing projects, eliciting money and stalking politicians. He has said that he uses these phrases so that "The Government" can't cause him any more problems. Scott worries a whole lot about the Government, as well he should. Back issues of the *Los Angeles Times* circulated here had several stories by investigative journalists about Scott's battles with the FCC, IRS, California's Attorney General, and former supporters who want their bank balances returned. Could be those are reasons enough to move to Anguilla; we don't have extradition for such things. Locals who have had personal contact with Scott have comments about him which cannot be repeated either on radio or in a family newsletter.

Anguilla has very strong religious values yet there is virtually no support for Reverend Scott and his televangelism among Anguillians. Scott has been described in local radio, TV and press reports as "a 1995 version of David Koresh or Jim Jones." Scott's public comments about the "uncooperative and Devilish" people of Anguilla have not made him popular. Public awareness about health hazards and a lack of independent environmental impact studies has increased the worries of Anguilla's citizens.

Claims by Scott and his organization that "Anguilla will be come a World Class Broadcasting Facility" are considered by Anguillians to be specious and a smoke screen for the movement of Scott's empire to a country famous for off-shore banking, corporation secrecy, and protection against the prying eyes of the taxman.

As for amateur radio from VP2E, there will be sections of the island made untenable for serious HF DXing. The local telephone company and the cable TV station have logged hundreds of TVI complaints caused by the Beacon. Cable TV recently moved channel 20 to another cable frequency to minimize interference from the Beacon to subscribers' TV sets. One big victim of the Beacon expansion is the VP2EC super contest station at Shoal Bay East. VP2EC antennas are line-of-sight with the Beacon's complex at Long Path. Only those stations located to the West of The Valley and equipped with heavy filtration appear to have some protection against receiver overloading.

In a recent test, receivers in a local QTH and a ham rental apartment were used with and without ICE broadcast band filters and individual band pass filters. Without the ICE broadcast band filter (60 dB attenuation below 1.800 MHz), receivers on a Yaesu 757, Icom 725, Kenwood TS-650 and a Pye commercial HF set were all swamped. Images of the 1610 kHz and 690 kHz Beacon signals appeared up to the 30 MHz tuning limits. Only a Collins KWM-2 was usable above the 40 meter band and 40 and 80 meters on the Collins were swamped with images from the Beacon AM station. With the ICE filters attached, the images went away except on the 160 meter band and at exact multiples of the 1610 and 690 signals. There, the Beacon was about 10 dB over 9. It would appear that with the Beacon's increase in power, access to the Top Band will not be possible.

According to the ICE people, their filters may be piggybacked to increase attenuation. Further experiments are under way testing two and three (!) broadcast band filters in series. VP2EHF and VP2EE are still working on getting an OSCAR station set up and have received good advice from Jim Keeth (AF9A) and Jim Kelly (KK3K) on construction of an S-Band system. Looks like the Birds are going to be a great way to fly in Anguilla if Gene Scott gets his way.

Many thanks for the opportunity to provide this information to the LARC newsletter.

Personal Notice

Derek King (W4/G4JKE) is planning to visit Oklahoma City April 6-10 and would be delighted to meet any LARC members while there.

He's also interested in metaphysics and wants to go further "out on a limb" and would like to contact any members who have similar interests. Contact Derek at P.O. Box 4573, Key West, FL 33041-4573.

DX in the Tropics: VP2E Hamcation

UPDATE! Caribbean Island Apartment for Hamcation Rental in Anguilla, BWI

Location: The apartment is located above Little Harbour on the side of South Hill. It is in the lower part of a private home (Dave and Dorothea's). The apartment has its own porch, two captain's beds, a desk operating position for ham radio, a kitchenette with mini-fridge, stove, sink, microwave, full bathroom with shower and closets. There are ceiling fans, built-in bookcase with books, a clock radio, dishes, and cooking/eating utensils. Maid service is provided.

Rates: The rates are US\$90 per day plus 8% government tax (total US\$97.20 per day) for up to two people.

Deposit: 25% of total bill. If you cancel at least 30-days prior to your scheduled visit, we will refund your deposit in full.

Payment: Cash or check. We are unable to accept credit cards.

Rental Cars: We can arrange for you. Cost is US\$35 per day, depending on season. The car rental agency takes credit cards and needs to see your U.S. driving license when you pick up the car. They will give you a temporary Anguillian driver's license, which costs US\$6. Driving is on the left side, but it is not difficult to get used to as there is not much traffic in Anguilla.

Getting Here: The easiest way is through San Juan, Puerto Rico. American Airlines runs American Eagle service from San Juan direct to Anguilla and takes about 55 minutes. There are two flights a day, one in the morning and the other at night. Flights leaving Anguilla are in the morning and in the afternoon.

Ham License: A VP2E license costs US\$39.06 at this time for a stroke callsign (VP2E/yourcall). A regular VP2E callsign costs double, but only need to be held by one in a group. We can arrange it or take you to the license office so you can do it yourself. There is only one license class here, which gives all emission and frequency privileges. License fees are scheduled to rise in January 1995 to US\$46.50 (cash payment) or US\$48.36 paid by cheque).

Equipment: Bring your own rig or rent one from us. The ham position is equipped with an RM35A Astron 35 amp power supply with meters and a banana-jack power strip. We supply an antenna tuner, dummy load, antenna switches, ICE bandpass filters on all bands, a 2-meter voice and packet radio, and a packet TNC. Antennas include: Mosley Pro54 (10, 12, 15, 17, & 20 meters) yagi, Cushcraft CD40 (2 element, 40 meter) yagi, Optimized 4-element 6 meter yagi, Cushcraft R7 vertical (10-40 meters), and an 80-160 meter Windom wire antenna. Electrical supply is 120-volts AC, 60 Hz. The rental rig is an Icom IC-735 with optional CW filters and CW keyer and rents for \$25 per day.

Contact: A complete packet of information including photos is available from LARC members Dorothea (VP2EE) or Dave (VP2EHF) Mann, P.O. Box 599, Anguilla, British West Indies. Phone: (809) 497-2150, FAX: (809) 497-3557, or E-Mail: 74227.3127@compuserve.com

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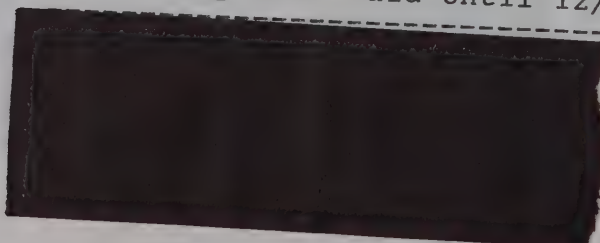
If you've not renewed your membership in LARC yet ... you'd better do it soon! You'll only receive the February issue of the LNN before your mailbox will be empty of the latest news and views from other members. Don't put it off — renew today! Need a renewal form? Call the LARC Hotline and request one. Be sure to include your name, call (if any), and complete mailing address:

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428 Summit Chase Drive, Valrico, FL 33594-3838 U.S.A.

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| Name | | Callsign |
| Address | | Phone |
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| Province | | Country |

1. Please reserve _____ (number of people in your party) spots for me / us for Hamvention 1995 at the LARC Headquarters hotel. LARC Hamvention accommodations for 1994 will be at the Econo-Lodge, 2241 Wagoner Ford Road, the same as last year. Rooms with three (3) persons per room should cost approximately \$60.00 per night.

DEPOSIT REQUIRED is \$30.00 per person.
Make all checks payable to: Lambda Amateur Radio Club

2. I / we will need a room for the following nights (circle **ALL** nights you desire rooms):

Thursday night
April 27

Friday night
April 28

Saturday night
April 29

Sunday night
April 30

3. I wish to share a room with the following LARC members if possible:

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4. If possible, put me in a room with ...

Check one: ☐ Smoker ☐ Non-Smoker ☐ Doesn't Matter

5. The LARC Annual Banquet will be held on Saturday, April 29. A limited choice menu will be offered with entree prices in the \$10 to \$15 range. Drinks and a 20% gratuity are extra. Please indicate below your plans for the banquet.

Check one: ☐ **YES ... I plan to attend the LARC Banquet**
☐ **NO ... I will NOT be attending the LARC Banquet**

NOTE: We will do our best to secure room reservations for all members who send in their reservations and deposits on time. We will also do our best to honor all requests for specific roommate assignments. However, we cannot guarantee either room space or guarantee particular assignments to anyone.

Lambda Net News

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Net Newsbits

Compiled by Bob Laycock, KA8UHL

• **Steve Godwin (KD6ZZ)** has been elected President of the Key West, Florida ARC for 1995. The club has been in business for more than 50 years and operates the only 2 meter repeater on the island.

• **Wayne Schuler (A19Q)** was elected by write-in vote as President of the Clark County ARC in Washington state. Over 30% of the over 200 members attended the vote — about double the usual meeting attendance.

• LARC secretary **Richard "Doc" Kinne (N2IKR)** has been appointed Adjunct Professor for the State University of New York at Morrisville's Computer Information Science Department. Doc will be teaching for the newest part of the State University system, the Morrisville branch campus at Norwich.

• LARC president **Bob Laycock (KA8UHL)** has been appointed Community Development Planner in Cleveland for the city's new \$90 million "Empowerment Zone." Cleveland was one of several cities to be awarded these huge grants in December by the Clinton administration.

• LARC's classified ad in *CQ* magazine has been renewed to run through 1995. The ad includes LARC's new e-mail address: LambdaARC@aol.com.

• **P-FLAG/Las Vegas** has reprinted LARC's display ad from the December issue of *QST* in their January 1995 newsletter.

• There's still room for more to join us at the July 1-8, **1995 LARC DXpedition** to VP2V, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. For information, contact Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI), P.O. Box 91299, Long Beach, CA 90809. E-mail: dbledsoe@netcom.com

• Want to donate an item for the raffle at LARC's banquet at Dayton this year? Contact Tom Hendrix (KI4ZN) at LARC, P.O. Box 91757, Cleveland, Ohio 44101, or e-mail: THHendrix@aol.com

Please Come To Dayton

by Nick Altenbernd, KA1MQX



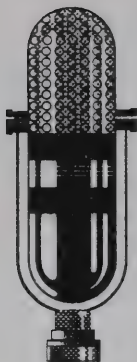
Joan Baez bid us to Boston, Denver, and a couple others, but she never tried to beguile us to Dayton. Too bad! Dayton is a quietly prosperous city near to the Ohio River Valley, with a lot of the amenities of a big city and the advantages of being out in the country. The big attraction for the ham is of course the world famous Hamvention, held every year, time out of mind, in the Hara Arena. Last year the headcount was around 40,000 hams (oink oink!), but don't worry about crowding. Every year they seem to add another shed to the Arena —and every year they're all full of exhibitors. So you'll never lack for new gear to eyeball, or (just barely) enough space to eyeball it in.

Dayton also has beautiful countryside, a VOA installation with huge curtain antennas (they do guided tours during the weekend), the Dayton Art Institute (a first-rate small collection — Canaletto, Rubens, Martin Johnson Heade), the Dayton Philharmonic, one of the biggest most colorful and (for better or worse) loudest gay bars I've ever experienced...there's a lot of there, there.

Dayton also hosts the annual gathering of the Lambda Amateur Radio Club, and that's the most important reason you should go. Three days of eyeballing your net-buddies, lots (nay, too much) good eating, and the heavy-duty politics of the Annual Meeting. The motel is cheap especially by Hamvention standards, Denny's is next door, the buses carry you where you really need to go, and the rest of the club is right there on your talkie.

We'll dine again at a scrumptious fun-filled banquet Saturday night, and if John (WK8X) keeps at our Prez hard enough, maybe Bob (KA8UHL) will pass his General at the Second Annual LARC VE Exam Friday evening at 6:00! Please come to Dayton!

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Push To Talk

by Bob Laycock, KA8UHL, President, LARC

I've always been impressed by the diversity of amateur radio. Tune around the dial and you'll find doctors, lawyers, steelworkers, teachers, unemployed workers, seventh graders, men, women, policemen, Catholics, Jews, agnostics — the list goes on and on. The amateur airwaves have been a place where all different people can come together in friendship. Part 97 recognizes this fact in stating one of amateur radio's purposes: "Continuation and extension of the amateur's unique ability to enhance international goodwill."

In LARC, however, we recognize that not everyone has been welcome in this unique fraternity. We have fought many years to gain recognition and acceptance. For a long time, the purpose and legitimacy of a specifically *gay* ham radio club wasn't understood. What does one have to do with the other?

The January *QST* helps answer this question by examining another community facing discrimination. Senior editor James D. Cain (K1TN) writes in the magazine about OMIK, an African-American ham radio club established in 1952. Black hams organized OMIK for support and friendship after encountering hostility within the ham community. Unless a QSO was CW, contacts were often quickly and mysteriously terminated. Other times transmissions were jammed or operators were called derogatory names on the air. Membership in local clubs was often denied.

Today OMIK has about 500 members, awards scholarships up to \$1000 to high school and college students, has local chapters, publishes a newsletter, and conducts classroom demonstrations of ham radio.

The struggle isn't over yet. In our case, lately we find our Sunday night 75m net harassed by a few narrow-minded "good ol' boys." These bigots are today's version of those prejudiced souls who tried to drive Blacks off the air in the past.

Despite this, ham radio today is living up to its potential more and more as a bridge between people. The hard work of our organizations has brought considerable change. Today we can venture outside our clubs and openly enjoy our hobby in the mainstream ham community more than ever before. Yet even as things improve, groups like OMIK and LARC will continue because our respective memberships share a common bond — our history, our experiences, our culture. We've made lasting friendships that will live on in our organizations.

Net Newsbits

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- A usenet discussion poked fun recently at President Clinton's firing of Dr. Joycelyn Elders, the U.S. Surgeon General, after her comments on masturbation and safe sex at a recent AIDS symposium. A suggested protest slogan for bumper stickers or whatever: "I masturbate, and I vote!"

LARC Birthdays

Philip Weaver, VS6CT
Michael Levine, N2QBN
Matthew Walsh, W3JQJ
Dave Lennox, W8UJR
Wayne Schuler, AI9Q
Lyle Henry, K7OO

Stuart Hill, G0BEV
Larry Dean, KC6NVL
Rick Guertin, WM2D
John Black
Dave DeGiuseppe, KB2ARL
Steve Godwin, KD6ZZ

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Membership Roster

Membership rosters are published several times each year and will be inserted into an issue of the LAMBDA NET NEWS. This summarized roster lists basic member information. If you'd like to receive a highly detailed, in-depth listing of each member, just send a 9" x 12" self-addressed envelope with \$1.90 postage affixed and a custom printed roster will be on its way to you. This way, you can have an updated roster as often as you'd like and LARC will not be sending rosters to anyone who doesn't want one.

Mail your request TODAY to the address immediately above.

LARC Chapter Directory

Updated 8/10/94

North Coast Chapter

Contact: Brian DeWitt (N8VTA) or
Doug Braun (KB8TGT)
2350 Grandview Avenue
Cleveland Heights, OH 44106-3120
(216) 229-2827

Serves NE Ohio. No dues or regular business meetings, but do hold occasional social gatherings. Also, Internet roundtable and numerous public service events.

Finger Lakes Chapter — 1995

Contact: Bob Hunter (NG2P)
46 Linden Street
Rochester, NY 14620-2310
(716) 442-7185

Serves western and central NY state. Monthly dinner and meeting. Annual dues are \$5.

Gateway (GLARC) Chapter — 1993

Contact: Bob Hamilton (WA0S)
2301 Park Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63104-2541
(314) 773-4056

Serves midwest. Meetings 1st Thursday of each month. Call for location.

Hollywood Chapter — 1993

Contact: Rick Fearn (K6VE), President
P.O. Box 65643
Los Angeles, CA 90065
(213) 256-6556

Serves southern California. Meetings are quarterly on weekends on announced schedule. Dues. Note: Field trips and outings are often scheduled.

Sunshine (SLARC) Chapter — 1994

Contact: Tom Hendrix (K14ZN)
02406 Lake Ella Road
Fruitland Park, FL 34731

Serves Florida. Meetings are held at hamfest locations throughout the state during the year and as required.

On the Air

by John Wittmann, WK8X

February isn't too early to announce that LARC is planning on hosting Volunteer Exams at the Dayton Hamvention again this year. We'll be having exams for all classes of license. Testing will begin at 6:00 PM Friday. Bring your original license and a photocopy, and two pieces of picture ID. It's a relaxed atmosphere so you can concentrate, knowing you can test again at the Hamvention.

Get out those books and code tapes and know the exhilaration of earning a higher class license. You Novices and Techs are missing out on meeting many great LARC members on our weekly HF nets. A General Class license is all you need.

The good news is Dale (WA0CFQ) has a new job. The bad news is he won't be able to check into the Wednesday 75 meter net. A regular for years, Dale's thoughtful comments will be missed. Look for him on weekends.

Derek (W4/G4JKE) is setting new records for net participation. His one wavelength 75 meter loop works well on several bands, and he says the wire antenna fits in a small city lot. Harry (N2CJM) checked into the 75m net December 29 to report he'd just returned home from gallbladder surgery. Hope to hear you on regularly, Harry.

Jim (WB4ZMK) checked in mobile on our 20 meter Sunday afternoon net while cruising through Key Largo with co-pilot Lee. They were on their way from Orlando to visit Steve (KD6ZZ) and Derek in Key West. That "Outbacker" antenna is hot, Jim! Art (N5MVI) has been checking in lately with a new GAP antenna at his QTH. It really has a potent signal. Guest operator recently has been Charlie (K9PVS/5). Nice to hear you on again!

Do any of you LARC members have regular nets or QSOs scheduled that we don't have listed? If you'd like other members to join in, let me know where you meet.

LARC's GENIE CAT to End

by Don Bledsoe (Wb6LYI, Long Beach, CA)

The long-standing private category that LARC has maintained on the General Electric's GENIE Information Service will be discontinued in February. This decision was reached by LARC's Executive Committee as it became aware that fewer and fewer LARC members are using this resource, usually in favor of the more popular services of America Online or the Internet. GENIE users who use Aladdin should cancel CAT 9. LARC V.P. Nick Altenbernd (KA1MQX) is researching alternative Internet service providers and this will be published soon. LARC members who want to try America Online for 10 hours *FREE* should call 800-827-6364 for AOL's free access software that runs under Windows 3.1 or Mac. This special offer is available to new America Online members only.

Personal Stuff

CQ CQ! Attention hams, SWLers worldwide in English! This is WDX-3-IAP and WLS-1PA calling all stations worldwide in English. Active DXer wants to swap QSL cards with all stations. Also seeking pen-friends or those interested in swapping 60 minute audio cassette taped letters for sincere and life-long friendships. All replies will be answered. David Paolini, P.O. Box 24634, Philadelphia, PA 19111-0634.

I would like to correspond with any LARC members who are or were nightclub D.J.s or who collect modern dance music. Write or call — Robert Baker, WA2IEK, 262 40th Street, Irvington, NJ 07111-1149, (201) 374-9631

Would like to meet ham (or aspiring ham) for friendship and possible relationship. Dale A. Clark, WA0CFQ, Box 668, Wellsville, KS 66092, (913) 883-4090 (Leave message on machine if I'm out.)

I would like to share my home and expense with a compatible ham. LeRoy D. Lawhorn, W4VIW, Lambda #1095, 357 Hillandale Rd., Apt. 238, Greenville, SC 29609-2310, (803) 233-3527

Pen friends wanted. Diverse interests: CW, packet, public service, history, Aretha Franklin and Patsy Cline, and more. Please reply to N2DLJ, Craig Hubbard, 398 N. Sea-Mecox Road, Southampton, NY 11968-2809.

Financial Report

1994 Income & Expenses

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|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Incoming Balance: | \$ | 1,777.37 |
| Income: | | |
| Dues/Donations: | \$ | 2,520.00 |
| Dayton Reservations | | 990.00 |
| DXpedition | | 263.00 |
| Dayton Raffle & Photo | | 205.00 |
| ARRL Settlement | | 903.00 |
| Miscellaneous | | 55.00 |
| Total | \$ | 4,936.00 |
| Expenses: | | |
| Advertising | \$ | 192.00 |
| Dayton | | 1,040.00 |
| Newsletter | | 793.27 |
| Postage | | 60.80 |
| Hotline | | 236.22 |
| Awards & QSLs | | 586.70 |
| Officer Expenses | | 541.81 |
| Miscellaneous | | 180.59 |
| Total | \$ | 3,631.39 |
| Outgoing Balance: | \$ | 3,081.98 |

As shown above, LARC realized an almost 74% increase in its resources during 1994. A few notes concerning Expenses: LARC advertised in *CQ* magazine for \$192. Hotline expenses were higher than normal due to long distance calls related to the ARRL complaint. (The Cleveland voice mail system will total \$63 in 1995.) Awards & QSLs include plaques awarded at Dayton, the DXpedition QSLs and the plaques given to the Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund. Officer Expenses include ARRL complaint costs (Jim, KK3K), computer database costs (Don, WB6LYT) and membership recruitment costs (Philip, WD4JIV). LARC received \$903 from the ARRL as part of the settlement to cover costs incurred by the club.

Dayton Room Reservations

Be sure to get your Dayton Room Reservation Form in to Howard as soon as possible as rooms go quickly for this annual LARC get-together.

As always, activities are planned and the fun of this annual event makes it the ham event of the year. See you there!

Chapter News

North Coast Chapter

The chapter has grown by leaps and bounds! In the last month or two, we've almost doubled in size to 10 members. With the 65-degree temperatures in mid-January, we're definitely giving a warm welcome to new members Ron (N8FCX), Robin (KA8VOW) and her partner Gena (KB8UOQ), and David (KB8KUM). Congratulations to Gena, who recently passed her Extra exam.

A round of applause also goes to Doug (KB8TGT) who single-handedly organized an effort to modify Cleveland Heights anti-discrimination ordinances to include "sexual orientation." The city council voted unanimously on January 3 to pass the measure.

Ray (N8KBF) has been getting into satellite communication, working Jim (KG8DZ) on the Russian RS-12 bird. Unlike most satellites, this one operates on HF with input from 21.210-21.250 MHz, and output from 29.410-29.450 MHz. If anyone is interested in setting up a sked, contact Ray.

Ray is now on HF mobile, with a new 20 and 40 meter "Ham Stick" antenna on his car. Bob's (KA8UHL) mobile is fixed, and he's back on 2 meters after being absent over a month.

New and old members will meet at our next "official" get-together, at a February 12 hamfest in Mansfield. Some hardy — or crazy — souls will brave a (hopefully) snowy night February 4, joining a public service net for the all-night Ohio Winter Rally, held on back roads across 200 miles of snow country. The event is a time/speed/distance auto rally. de N8VTA

Sunshine Chapter by Lu Vencil, KA4EPS

The Sunshine Chapter would like to invite all LARCs to the Miami Hamvention February 4th and 5th at the youth fairgrounds at 836 & the Florida turnpike. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance and \$7.00 at the door. We are planning to have an official chapter meeting that weekend, so make your plans now to visit the warm Sunshine State and the famous Haulover nude beach! Yes there is a legally nude beach in Miami where you will find at least one LARC member using this rig with no clothes on, advertising ham radio and LARC of course! The beach is located on federal highway A1A just a mile south of 177th St. Admission is \$3.00 per car.

Also as for the night life you might want to checkout the following places: Uncle Charlie's 3673 Bird Rd (305) 442-8687. Dance Bar with male dancers. (close to hamfest) Warsaw 1450 Collins Ave, South Beach. (305) 531-4555. Dance club with lots of hot guys, and great variety. O'Zone 6620 Red Rd. (305) 667-2888. Multilevel Cruise club (close to hamfest) Most clubs are open till 5am, and get hopping around mid-night.

A mini meet took place during the holidays where Lu (KA4EPS), Irv (AF2K), Jim (WB8LPY), and Larry (N4VA) & guest met at a nice, gay friendly Italian restaurant. The food was reportedly very good and very affordable. The group spent a good deal of time talking and catching up on the latest gossip. Jim and Lu had talked about getting together to get their code speed up so that they can upgrade.

Reminder that we have a radio schedule on 40 meters (7280) on Sunday mornings at 09:45 EST. We would love to hear from you guys!

City of Brotherly Love

There is no functioning LARC chapter in Philadelphia at this time, having not met since mid-1992. Some of those who were members in 1992 are no longer listed on the current club roster. One problem we've had in the past was a lack of interest.

Chapter News

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Nevertheless, there are a handful of active LARC members in the Philadelphia metropolitan area (including S. Jersey, Allentown and N. Delaware). Since these members are spread out over a rather large geographical area, regular meetings are probably not a possibility.

Occasional get-togethers at local hamfests would be an option. However, we need a volunteer in the area to act as coordinator. Basically, this would entail occasional mailings or telephone calls to organize local meetings, probably no more than once or twice a year. If there is any interest and a volunteer coordinator steps forward, then we'll have some activity to report on in the future. But at this time, there is no local LARC activity in the area. de KK3K

Local chapters are invited to submit brief reports to Lambda Net News. Mail stories to the LARC P.O. Box or e-mail: LNetNews@aol.com. Deadline is the 15th of the month.

LARC Mailbag

Due to lack of space, Derek King's (G4JKE/W4) letter that would have appeared in this issue will appear in the March issue instead.

Our apologies to Derek. — Editor

VP2V Space Available

There's still space available on this year's LARC DXpedition to Tortola, British Virgin Islands, and we'd love to have you join us.

We're planning to operate HF and OSCAR-13 Mode B and Mode S. Experience what it's like being at the bottom of the pile-up!

For details, contact Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI) at P.O. Box 91299, Long Beach, CA 90809 or call (310) 494-6765.

larc@seta.fi

by Bob Laycock, KA8UHL

LARC's Internet roundtable included comments this past month on the intentional interference and harassment against our 75 meter net on Sunday nights. Janice (N8TYV) wrote, "I have made an attempt to find the 75 meter net, and when I thought I had found it I was appalled. I have very little HF experience, but I think I found the red necks everyone talks about. They sure don't seem incidental in their signals to me. Perhaps if we were in the quieter parts of the band it might be easier even for us new 'old timers' and we'd filter out some of the cross talk from our territorial friends."

Harry (N2CJM) commented, "...the 75 meter Sunday Net... I gave up. Let the rednecks have it. If a 75 meter net is to be held I would suggest some place in the Advanced and/or Extra portion." Janice responded, "A regular net is probably more important than a net that can't happen. Harry expresses his concern. I second it. Extra ticket or not I'm still a newcomer and didn't know what to do to find the net or address the interference. Eventually, we could have no net."

Members commented that they've started buying airline tickets for Dayton. Jim (KK3K) wrote, "...I bought my airline tickets for Dayton. When I contacted USAir in December, I was quoted \$214 RT Philly to Dayton. Then I heard something about a fare reduction recently, so I called USAir again and sure enough, the fare was reduced to \$176.00 so I bought my tickets. This is about \$75.00 less than it cost me last year to go. I was real happy, believe me." Don (WB6LYI) wrote, "I arrive in Dayton on Thursday, April 27 at 5:45 PM. I can't wait to see everyone there."

Jim also noted that the *Westlink Report* has ceased publication, according to *Amateur Radio Newsline*. LARC members may recall that *Westlink Report* attacked us in a front page tirade in April 1992. Burt Hicks (WB6MQV) quoted the Bible and suggested, "[LARC] and its ACLU fellow travelers might better invest a few minutes with the Scriptures, rather than seeing how much hate and discontent they can generate."

Several comments were made about the gay-positive ABC-TV series, *My So-Called Life*. The show, being placed on hiatus by ABC, includes a storyline about a gay teenager beaten and kicked out of his home at Christmas. James (AF9A) announced that HBO ran a documentary in December, *Why am I Gay: Coming Out*. "All-in-all it was pretty positive," wrote Jim.

An interesting Usenet discussion was picked up on our roundtable about "forbidden" callsigns — you know, those suggestive three-letter combinations we'd love to have!

Finally, Brian (N8VTA) provided text from two articles published in the *Cleveland Gay People's Chronicle* about his partner's successful one-man campaign to get a gay rights ordinance passed by the suburban Cleveland Heights City Council. Doug's (KB8TGT) efforts are described in "Chapter News" in this issue. Jim Kelly (KK3K) spoke for us all when he posted this response: "Congratulations and a hearty 'WELL DONE' to Doug! What a great achievement!"

E-mail kari@seta.fi to get on the LARC online automatic distribution list.

Dayton Hamvention Dates

April 28-30, 1995 • May 17-19, 1996
May 16-18, 1997 • May 15-17, 1998

KK3K's Uplink

by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

Recently there have been some interesting developments in the realm of ham radio print media. If you're not already a subscriber, I hope you bought a copy of the terrific 50th anniversary (January, 1995) issue of *CQ Amateur Radio* magazine, which has been published continuously since 1945. The giant 236 page anniversary issue includes a special 72 page feature entitled "A Nostalgic Look Back Over Half A Century With CQ The Radio Amateur's Journal." The special section starts off with congratulatory letters from President Clinton, Vice President Gore, FCC Chairman Reed Hunt, and ARRL Executive Vice President David Sumner. The special section includes an interesting retrospective on ham radio during the last half century entitled "Ham Radio History." There are lots of interesting photos of old *CQ* covers and advertisements for gear from past years, and an interesting and useful decade-by-decade profile of the history of our hobby.

Also in this special section *CQ* publisher Richard A. Ross (K2MGA) notes that "CQ's survival has often been more a matter of perseverance than brilliance. And persevere is what *CQ* has done." Ross writes that "*CQ*, by the passage of time and by good fortune, has become an institution in Amateur Radio." But I think that one reason why *CQ* is such a success story has to do with the progressive policies and outlook that they've had over the years. *CQ's* editor, Alan Dornhoffer (K2EEK) writes: "early on (1946), during extremely chauvinistic times and in a very chauvinistic hobby, *CQ* had

two leading columns directed by women. Maybe we've always been ahead of the times." I think Alan may have hit on one of *CQ's* greatest strengths. *CQ* was the only major ham radio publication to immediately accept and consistently run LARC's classified ads without first rejecting us or making an issue of it. This they did during homophobic times and in a particularly homophobic hobby, much as they did with the women's issue almost 50 years ago. Yes, perhaps they are ahead of their times but they're a success at least in part for this reason. I'll add my congratulations (and thanks) to *CQ* and say best wishes for the next 50 years!

There have been some significant changes elsewhere in ham radio publications. The League has jazzed up the cover of *QST* by adding "teasers" (short blurbs on what's inside). Previously, only those copies destined for public sales at newsstands had the special cover. Now the more exciting cover is standard issue. This is good because the new cover is more colorful and lends a more lively appearance to *QST*. I think it will make members, non-members and casual readers more eager to open the magazine and see what's inside. Inside *QST* there are some interesting and significant items to note as well. Take a look at the January 1995 issue, pages 52 through 55. There you'll see a feature article titled "The Meaning Of OMIK." OMIK is an organization of mostly African-American hams. Isn't it great to see such an organization profiled in *QST*? I think it is. But I'm sure that some of the same rednecks and bigoted creeps that didn't want LARC in *QST* are none too happy about seeing an article about OMIK and Black hams in *QST*. Well, tough! I say.

They'd better get used to the fact that bigotry of any kind has no place in our hobby. I'm delighted to see the article about OMIK in *QST*. I'm prepared to criticize the League when I'm unhappy with what they do, but I'm also willing to praise them when they do good. This is a case of the latter. Congratulations to the ARRL for opening up the pages of *QST* to hams who have organized for friendship and support around shared racial, gender-related, sexual orientation-related or other important shared human characteristics so as to further enhance their enjoyment of the hobby. Such organizations strengthen the hobby and should be supported and defended, particularly against the attacks of bigoted know-nothings.

One final note of interest relative to ham radio publications. I won't dwell on it because I don't want to end this very positive column on a negative note, but the *Westlink Report*, a bi-weekly ham radio newsletter, has reportedly ceased publication. This is the newsletter that ran a very nasty anti-LARC editorial a couple of years ago. So I'm not sorry to see them go. Who needs them when we have *CQ* and *QST*!

Electronic Filing to Speed New FCC Licenses

The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) announced January 13, 1995, that all exam data is now being forwarded to the FCC electronically via e-mail. The ARRL/VEC is today completing its test session processing in just 1 or 2 days, then transmitting its data electronically. It keeps the hard copy 610 Forms as a back-up record.

When FCC automation is fully complete, data processing will take just 2 to 3 days! Effective with the new rules as of December 20, 1994, applicants can call the FCC at 800-322-1117 to see if his or her license has been granted. If granted, this will be verified over the phone and the applicant will be told his or her callsign. At that time, the amateur can immediately commence operating under the new privileges without waiting for the paper license to arrive in the mail.

If nothing is heard after 3 weeks following a license exam, applicants can call the ARRL at 800-927-7583 for assistance.

Thanks to John Wittmann WK8X for providing this information to LNN.

Exciting Ham Satellites!

by Jim Kelly KK3K, AMSAT #22420

Do you enjoy rag-chewing? How about world-wide DXing, digital communications, CW, RTTY, SSTV, or simply making new friends on the air? You can do all of this and more via amateur radio satellites, ("OSCAR" — Orbiting Satellites Carrying Amateur Radio), and you can do it if you hold a Technician (or higher) class license with no more of an investment in equipment than you would reasonably expect to make in HF gear. And as a bonus you get reliable communications not subject to the ups and downs of propagation! And, there's no need for huge antennas since hamsats primarily use VHF and above.

There are a several low-earth orbiting ("LEO") satellites now in regular use, primarily for digital modes of

communication. The MIR space station remains quite active in both digital and analog modes. Our Russian friends just launched another LEO "microsat" — RS-15 — which is generating a lot of activity. OSCAR 13, our current high-elliptical orbiting satellite, currently provides exciting daily worldwide opportunities for DXing, rag-chewing, CW, RTTY and even SSTV for several hours at a time each day!

Get into the swing of amateur satellite operating now and be ready for the new super oscar, "Phase IIID, which will be launched next year! For more information on how to get active on ham radio satellites, contact AMSAT/NA, 850 Sligo Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

World Class Broadcasting From Anguilla

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A tiny Caribbean island covering only 36 square miles, Anguilla is known for its white sand beaches and great DX (VP2E) location. Amateurs on Anguilla and St. Marten (PJ7/FS5) are very concerned that this could all come to an end ... or worse.

The British government has granted an international broadcast license to Caribbean Beacon Limited and agreed to improvements that will increase their radiated power and range many times. Local amateurs believe that images and harmonics from their expanded medium and short wave stations will raise havoc on the ham and marine bands. The Caribbean Beacon radio station has been broadcasting for more than a decade on 690 and 1610 kHz AM with 50,000 watts of power into a single non-directional tower. Even with this configuration, there have been reports of interference to radio and telephone communications in the area.

Now "The Beacon" — as it is known — wants to expand to reach a worldwide audience. They will be increasing power and adding international shortwave broadcasting to reach most of the South, Central and North American continent.

To improve its night time medium wave coverage towards North America, the Beacon will be increasing their transmitter power on 1610 from 50 to 200 kilowatts. In the United States, 50 KW is the maximum for AM broadcasting ... and 100 KW for FM. Most stations are under these levels to alleviate interference and to limit possible health hazards.

A recently purchased medium wave folded dipole antenna (from Kintronics Labs of Bristol, Tennessee) will be supported by four aluminum towers, each over 300 feet high. The overall gain of the antenna is 12.5 db above isotropic. That calculates out to an ERP (effective radiated power) of 3.5 megawatts on 1610 kHz!

Caribbean Beacon's objective is to establish Anguilla as a World Class Voice in the international radio bands. Toward

that end, Beacon Radio has also bought at least one 100 kilowatt HF transmitter (tunable from 5.95 to 22 MHz) from Continental Electronics here in Dallas, Texas.

Their HF antenna will be a log periodic designed and manufactured by British-based Technology for Communications International of Sunnyvale, CA. The 14.5 db gain antenna consists of two 145 foot towers which support two horizontally polarized log curtains aimed at most of Central and North America. The ERP of the log periodic in the direction of the main beam will be 2.8 megawatts. TCI manufactures antenna systems for military and International Broadcast organizations such as the Voice of America and the BBC.

An environmental impact study concludes that RF interference to electronic equipment will not be a problem since both antennas "... take advantage of skywave propagation." Ground wave (local) radiation will be minimal.

Up until this point, The Beacon has been used essentially for religious programming with some news and advertising included. Its broadcast range primarily includes the Caribbean, but can also be heard in the United States. Its new capacity will make Caribbean Beacon the most powerful broadcast station in the world.

Residents of Anguilla are basically opposed to the new stations — fearing their possible negative impact on tourism, land values ... and the concern over health hazards from electro-magnetic radiation. Locals feel the Anguilla's gains from the expansion are minimal compared to the possible negative effects. They also want to know why Anguilla has been chosen for this project ... and the real story behind Beacon Radio's recent donation of an ambulance to the

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DX in the Tropics: VP2E Hamcation

UPDATE! Caribbean Island Apartment for Hamcation Rental in Anguilla, BWI

Location: The apartment is located above Little Harbour on the side of South Hill. It is in the lower part of a private home (Dave and Dorothea's). The apartment has its own porch, two captain's beds, a desk operating position for ham radio, a kitchenette with mini-fridge, stove, sink, microwave, full bathroom with shower and closets. There are ceiling fans, built-in bookcase with books, a clock radio, dishes, and cooking/eating utensils. Maid service is provided.

Rates: The rates are US\$90 per day plus 8% government tax (total US\$97.20 per day) for up to two people.

Deposit: 25% of total bill. If you cancel at least 30-days prior to your scheduled visit, we will refund your deposit in full.

Payment: Cash or check. We are unable to accept credit cards.

Rental Cars: We can arrange for you. Cost is US\$35 per day, depending on season. The car rental agency takes credit cards and needs to see your U.S. driving license when you pick up the car. They will give you a temporary Anguillian driver's license, which costs US\$6. Driving is on the left side, but it is not difficult to get used to as there is not much traffic in Anguilla.

Getting Here: The easiest way is through San Juan, Puerto Rico. American Airlines runs American Eagle service from San Juan direct to Anguilla and takes about 55 minutes. There are two flights a day, one in the morning and the other at night. Flights leaving Anguilla are in the morning and in the afternoon.

Ham License: A VP2E license costs US\$39.06 at this time for a stroke callsign (VP2E/yourcall). A regular VP2E callsign costs double, but only needs to be held by one in a group. We can arrange it or take you to the license office so you can do it yourself. There is only one license class here, which gives all emission and frequency privileges. License fees are scheduled to rise in January 1995 to US\$46.50 (cash payment) or US\$48.36 paid by cheque).

Equipment: Bring your own rig or rent one from us. The ham position is equipped with an RM35A Astron 35 amp power supply with meters and a banana-jack power strip. We supply an antenna tuner, dummy load, antenna switches, ICE bandpass filters on all bands, a 2-meter voice and packet radio, and a packet TNC. Antennas include: Mosley Pro54 (10, 12, 15, 17, & 20 meters) yagi, Cushcraft CD40 (2 element, 40 meter) yagi, Optimized 4-element 6 meter yagi, Cushcraft R7 vertical (10-40 meters), and an 80-160 meter Windom wire antenna. Electrical supply is 120-volts AC, 60 Hz. The rental rig is an Icom IC-735 with optional CW filters and CW keyer and rents for \$25 per day.

Contact: A complete packet of information including photos is available from LARC members Dorothea (VP2EE) or Dave (VP2EHF) Mann, P.O. Box 599, Anguilla, British West Indies. Phone: (809) 497-2150, FAX: (809) 497-3557, or E-Mail: 74227.3127@compuserve.com

Not Renewed Yet?

If you've not renewed your membership in LARC yet ... you'd better do it soon! You'll only receive the February issue of the LNN before your mailbox will be empty of the latest news and views from other members. Don't put it off — renew today! Need a renewal form? Call the LARC Hotline and request one. Be sure to include your name, call (if any), and complete mailing address:

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Anguilla Broadcasting

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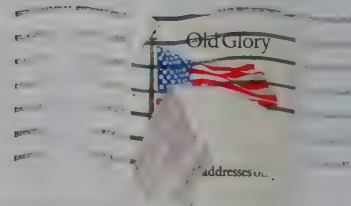
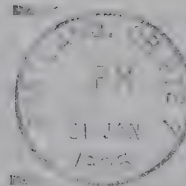
Government of Anguilla. ("What does Beacon Radio know that we don't?")

The government disagrees. They believe the expanded broadcast project will greatly benefit the local economy on the island. For one thing, Caribbean Beacon Limited will become the largest user of electric power in Anguilla. They also believe the international broadcast station will improve publicity, tourism and the economy by establishing Anguilla on a world class basis.

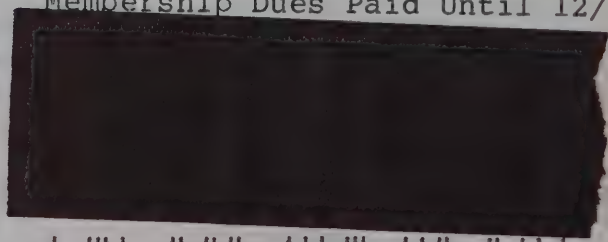
Next month, LARC members Dave (VP2EHF) and Dorothea (VP2EE) Mann present their local perspective on the Caribbean Beacon.

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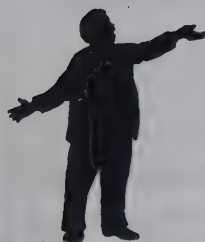


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LLD&EF Appreciation

by Jim Kelly, KK3K



LARC awarded plaques of appreciation in December 94 to the attorneys who represented the club in the successful amicable resolution of LARC V. ARRL. Receiving plaques and letters of appreciation were Lambda Legal attorney Suzanne Goldberg and cooperating attorneys Robert G. Miller, John J. Lynch, Catherine McGrath and Gail Bernhaut of the New York firm Brown, Raysman & Millstein.

LARC President Jim Kelly (KK3K) sent each attorney the following letter which accompanied the plaques: "On behalf of the membership of our club, please accept this plaque in appreciation of your efforts on behalf of LARC in the matter of LARC v. ARRL. The December 1994 issue of the American Radio Relay League's flagship publication QST marked the return of our organization's classified ads to the pages of this journal after an absence of nine years and one month. Our classified ad appears on page 196 of the December issue, a LARC display ad is on page 192, and the ARRL's revised advertising policy is reproduced on page 196 including a non-discriminatory clause referencing sexual orientation.

"The return of our ads to QST signifies more than just the amicable resolution of a minor problem, it signals the effective restoration of first class ARRL membership status to the nearly 200 men and women in our club. It is important to us because the ARRL is our primary national ham radio advocacy organization. And, while the ham radio realm is somewhat esoteric, this agreement has world-wide implications since similar ham radio advocacy organizations exist in many countries. Thank you once again for working on our behalf, and for justice and fair treatment for members of sexual minorities. Sincerely, James L. Kelly, KK3K, President, Lambda Amateur Radio Club."

Chapter News

Sunshine Chapter



The Sunshine Chapter was formed just this year but has provided the members with a means of meeting on a personal basis as well as radio contact. Because of the geographical distance separating each of members, there are no scheduled monthly meetings. However, since there a large number of hamfests throughout Florida, we try to meet at these and usually have dinner together at a local location.

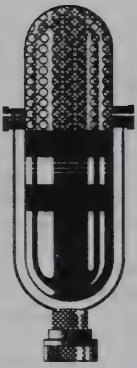
In addition, we publish a Newsletter on a non-scheduled basis. At the present, we have not requested allotted funds from the parent group; instead we ask that we be reimbursed for postage expenses only for the newsletter. We also have a radio schedule on 40 meters (7280) on Sunday morning at 9:45 (Eastern local time). We encourage all members of LARC to join us when possible. We've had check-ins from members such as Philip (WD4IJV), Irv (AF2K) and John (WK8X).

In future issues we hope to provide you with happenings in this area together with concerns of the members. As an example, Lu Vencl (KA4EPS) has a new home in South Florida, Robert (Bob, KD4WOW) is studying for his general ticket, Jim (WB4ZMK) has a new Explorer equipped with a Kenwood TS-50 and Outbacker antenna. Steve (KD6ZZ) has antennas up and is active on HF as well as VHF. Tom (KI4ZN) has a new Kenwood TS850SAT. Derek (W4/G4JKE) is at present in the UK. Howard (W9BVD) is a faithful check-in on the 40 meter schedule and not only went on the Anguilla DXpedition but also enjoyed a trip to Europe. SK Tom, KI4ZN

North Coast Chapter

The North Coast Chapter has enjoyed a very busy year. NCC has almost doubled this year from six to ten members,

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Push to Talk

by Bob Laycock, KA8UHL, President, LARC

This is an exciting occasion for me, my first column as president of the Lambda Amateur Radio Club. Exciting — and daunting — because I am called upon to fill some very big shoes. I have witnessed a lot of change and phenomenal growth in LARC since I got my first letter from Jim Kelly (KK3K) in 1985. I had written after seeing an ad in the Advocate and he made me feel very welcome. This proved just one of his many skills as I watched our membership grow in numbers and in pride and visibility.

LARC is certainly a household word today in the ham community! As it should be. We have been marginalized far too long, but our recent settlement in the ARRL dispute is bringing this change. This is a victory for the club, but it's also much more than just that.

Years ago I was deep in my closet. I hated myself terribly and lived in mortal fear of discovery. Even my closest friends had no clue as to my real identity. It was painful, but once in a while I stumbled upon moments of enlightenment.

I remember attending an anti-war conference in Cleveland — I was still in high school — when someone thrust a leaflet in my hand and told me, "Gay is Good." I was in shock. All the noise and activity around me vanished a moment as I absorbed those words. In two brief seconds, a complete stranger affirmed my life as no one else had ever done.

It took many more such encounters over the years to bring me out. Once I did, I started to finally enjoy life in a way that simply wasn't possible before. My relationships were more honest; I felt more whole and connected. It took time, though. First, I was out at college, later with old friends, still later at work, and finally with my parents. Oddly enough, I came out to my straight ham friends last. I only did this in the past several years. They've all been very positive and our friendships are even stronger. I believe that page 192 in the December QST will change many people's lives — in a way far more important and meaningful than simply expanding their enjoyment of ham radio. They and we may not realize the full benefits for many years. Closets can be very deep. But I suspect and hope a lot of people are looking at that ad and wondering if maybe, just perhaps, they might be decent human beings after all.

In this sense Jim's accomplishments and LARC's victory have a value that's deeper and reaches farther than simply ending one instance of discrimination. I'm proud of Jim, of LARC, and all of us. This is a wonderful organization and our members are the very best.

Now I find myself called to lead us forward to still greater accomplishments. Well, I will do my best. I'm looking forward to these next two years and hope we'll all have a lot of fun. My first goal as president has been to look at the Lambda Net News — already the best ham newsletter I've ever seen — to see how we can make it even more exciting and informative. Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI) has been an outstanding editor and I'm very pleased he's staying on in this capacity.

I hope you'll like the changes. Jim (KK3K) launches a new monthly column, KK3K's Uplink, in this issue. Next month we start an exciting new feature, LARC Member-of-the-Month. Our strength is our members and we'll be introducing them to you. We're drawing names out of the hat at random, so get ready for that phone call!

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Membership rosters are published several times each year and will be inserted into an issue of the LAMBDA NET NEWS. This summarized roster lists basic member information. If you'd like to receive a highly detailed, in-depth listing of each member, just send a 9" x 12" self-addressed envelope with \$1.90 postage affixed and a custom printed roster will be on its way to you. This way, you can have an updated roster as often as you'd like and LARC will not be sending rosters to anyone who doesn't want one.

Mail your request TODAY to the address immediately above.

LARC Chapter Directory

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North Coast Chapter

Contact: Brian DeWitt (N8VTA) or
Doug Braun (KB8TGT)
2350 Grandview Avenue
Cleveland Heights, OH 44106-3120
(216) 229-2827

Serves NE Ohio. No dues or regular business meetings, but do hold occasional social gatherings. Also, Internet roundtable and numerous public service events.

City of Brotherly Love (COBL) Chapter

Contact: Jim Kelly (KK3K)
P.O. Box 24810
Philadelphia, PA 19130
(215) 235-0953

Serves Phila. metro area including S. Jersey, N. Delaware, and Maryland. Meetings every 6-8 weeks. No dues. Note: Chapter presently inactive.

Finger Lakes Chapter — 1993

Contact: Jim Miller (N2IMS)
80 Campfire Rd. North
Henrietta, NY 14467
(716) 359-3337

Serves western and central NY state. Meetings 3rd Friday each month for dinner and meeting. Dues are \$5 per year. Chapter outings to local attractions.

Gateway (GLARC) Chapter — 1993

Contact: Bob Hamilton (WA0S)
2301 Park Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63104-2541
(314) 773-4056

Serves midwest. Meetings 1st Thursday of each month. Call for location.

Hollywood Chapter — 1993

Contact: Rick Fearn (K6VE), President
P.O. Box 65643
Los Angeles, CA 90065
(213) 256-6556

Serves southern California. Meetings are quarterly on weekends on announced schedule. Dues. Note: Field trips and outings are often scheduled.

Sunshine (SLARC) Chapter — 1994

Contact: Tom Hendrix (KI4ZN)
02406 Lake Ella Road
Fruitland Park, FL 34731

Serves Florida. Meetings are held at hamfest locations throughout the state during the year and as required.

Push to Talk

John Wittmann (WK8X) joins us this issue with On the Air, a new monthly feature that will recap happenings on our weekly skeds. Highlights from our spirited discussions on the Internet will be presented in larc@seta.fi.

We're also adding monthly Chapter Reports around the country and world. Here in Cleveland, the North Coast Chapter has added significantly to my enjoyment of LARC. As president, I hope to encourage the development of active local chapters. Each month we'll let you know what folks are up to. Mailbag is your chance to submit Letters to the Editor or other news tidbits you'd like to share with fellow LARC members. Let's hear from you! Next month we'll also begin publishing quarterly financial reports to the membership, starting with a 1994 year-end summary by LARC treasurer, Tom Hendrix (KI4ZN). Renewals are flooding in, so this looks to be pleasant news. Finally, look for photographs to return to the pages of Lambda Net News in the near future. We're actively working on this now, and hope to see photographic essays on the spring DXpedition and 1995 Dayton Hamvention. And this is just the start! I look forward to hearing other ideas about how we can make LARC a terrific experience for everyone. Send me your thoughts care of the club P.O. box or my e-mail address: KA8UHL@aol.com. (No period after "com" of course.) Send letters or material *intended for publication* to the P.O. Box or to: LNetNews@aol.com — our new online mailbox for LNN.

Thanks and now on to a great year! de KA8UHL

New LARC E-Mail Address

LARC now has an Internet e-mail address for membership inquiries and official correspondence to the club. The new address is: LambdaARC@aol.com

Members and chapters that are running local ads for LARC around the country are encouraged to revise their text to include this new mode for contacting the club. This now gives potential members three ways to reach us. The other two are the Cleveland P.O. Box and our voice mail hotline (see box on page 2).

LARC Birthdays

Gordon Turner, WB5OYL
Frank Morhew, G3VZX
Roger Piper, G3MEH
William North, KG7LS
Larry Kenney, WB9LOZ
John Wittmann, WK8X
Robert Hunter, NG2P
Arthur Johnson, AA7UT
Stephen Rice, WB3DBU

Donna Skelcy, N8PSH
Tom Williams, NØGQD
James Dingwall, G4ILW
Frank Astalosh, N3JJW
Jim Kelly, KK3K
Irv Goodman, AF2K
Edward Colacuori
Mike Beech
David Paolini

Personal Stuff

CQ CQI Attention hams, SWLers worldwide in English! This is WDX-3-IAP and WLS-1PA calling all stations worldwide in English. Active DXer wants to swap QSL cards with all stations. Also seeking pen-friends or those interested in swapping 60 minute audio cassette taped letters for sincere and life-long friendships. All replies will be answered. David Paolini, P.O. Box 24634, Philadelphia, PA 19111-0634.

I would like to correspond with any LARC members who are or were nightclub D.J.s or who collect modern dance music. Write or call — Robert Baker, WA2IEK, 262 40th Street, Irvington, NJ 07111-1149, (201) 374-9631

Would like to meet ham (or aspiring ham) for friendship and possible relationship. Dale A. Clark, WAØCFQ, Box 668, Wellsville, KS 66092, (913) 883-4090 (Leave message on machine if I'm out.)

I would like to share my home and expense with a compatible ham. LeRoy D. Lawhorn, W4VIW, Lambda #1095, 357 Hillandale Rd., Apt. 238, Greenville, SC 29609-2310, (803) 233-3527

Pen friends wanted. Licensed 24 years. Diverse interests. Temporarily QRT to study history/education. Dignity member. Club roster or Callbook address: N2DLJ

Net Newsbits

From LeRoy D. Lawhorn, W4VIW: New Ham Land Line BBS now on line W4VIW's BBS 803-233-3527. Heavy into APRS and INTERNET. Please check it out. USR Courier DS V.34 300-28.800 24 hours a day. Let me hear from you. E-mail Leroy at: w4viw@sunbelt.net

Members of Columbia House, the music CD & tape club, recently received a 30-day free offer to examine the Amateur Radio Encyclopedia. A flyer in the monthly mailing sent to members described the book as a "powerhouse ... packed with 1,000 clear, A-Z explanations to help you get more efficiency from your equipment and more enjoyment from your hobby." The book can be ordered by calling 800-822-8158. It's nice to see ham radio promoted in such an unexpected place.

From the W5YI Report: Only 3 of the 10 call districts still have 1x3 (Group C) callsigns available, and 9-land is almost out too. As of November 1st, they had issued N9YZZ. That will leave just 1-land and 3-land.

From Art Johnson, AA7UT: "Anyone want to set up a sked? I am usually able to get out pretty well on 40, 80 and even 160 ... although I would not trust the latter more than a couple of states away ... I will be in town thru Christmas Eve, then gone until the evening of January 1. Evening skeds probably work best for me. Love to hear from some of you."

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The Intel pentium chip debacle dominated LARC's Internet roundtable in December. Observations and comments included this post by Ray (N8KBF): "INTEL — Where Quality is Job 0.99998." Jim (KK3K) quoted some remarks seen in the Usenet discussions, including: "Guess my \$4000 computer is worthless ... I'm out \$3996.4753678!"

Jim also expressed his dissatisfaction with President Clinton for firing Surgeon General Dr. Joycelyn Elders. Jack (KD6TTL) responded that Jim should tell Clinton, "Your next Surgeon-General should be a chiropractor; you obviously need help with your spine."

Janice (N8TYV) reprinted a lengthy Associated Press story about Microsoft. The first paragraph: "In a joint press conference in St. Peter's Square this morning, MICROSOFT Corp. and the Vatican announced that the Redmond software giant will acquire the Roman Catholic Church in exchange for an unspecified number of shares of MICROSOFT common stock." Jim reported Microsoft issued a denial and was none-too-pleased by the whole affair.

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Chapter News

but maintains an informal structure with no chapter dues or officers. The chapter helped members with several antenna raising parties, visited hamfests together and gathered to share meals with one another.

NCC supports the gay community by providing public service communications for local events such as the Lesbian-Gay Pride Day and the Cleveland AIDS Walk, as well as participating with repeater clubs in other public service events. The chapter has developed an excellent rapport with one of the local repeater clubs, the Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association (LEARA), that actually solicited us to use their repeater so they could support us better. During a tornado warning at this year's AIDS Walk, one of LEARA's officers provided radar updates direct from the National Weather Service to LARC's net control (N8TYV). LEARA has also accepted Brian (N8VTA) and Doug (KB8TGT) as family members.

NCC met most recently on December 2nd at a local hamfest. Doug (KB8TGT) was nominated President-for-Life in recognition for organizing the agenda, but he declined. It was announced there that Janice (N8TYV) passed her Extra and will soon be a VE joining Ray (N8KBF) and new member Ron (N8FCX), both VE's. A North Coast LARC VE team may be created soon and hold a VE exam at the Lesbian-Gay Community Service Center.

The December 2nd meeting ended with a visit to member Steve Chekey's home to view his collection of antique medical devices that shock, glow or spark to "cure cancer or whatever else ails you." *Compiled from reports by N8VTA and N8TYV.*

On the Air

by John Wittman, WK8X

Our LARC HF nets continue to be a great place to meet. There's still nothing like talking one on one to get to know someone. The Sunday afternoon 20 meter group appears to be the largest with regulars KK3K, KI4ZN, WA0CFQ, WB4ZMK, W9BVD, AF2K, W4/G4JKE, KC0K, WB5MEI, N5MVI and your writer.

Propagation varies, with long skip the rule. I can work 4's and 5's at 10 over, but 2's and 8's are unreadable in Michigan. That's one reason the Sunday morning 40 meter net can be rewarding. Signals from the eastern half of the U.S. can be strong, but so can the foreign broadcasters. Our Florida contingent always gives super signals, with WB4ZMK, KD6ZZ, W9BVD and KI4ZN seemingly always there. However, 8-land is heard frequently with N8KBF, KG8DZ and WK8X on most weeks.

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On the Air

The net to watch is the Sunday and Wednesday might get-togethers on 3860 kHz. Sometimes tortuous during the summer static months, winter brings peace — at least until lately. Good signals can be heard from the Rockies east, even with 100 watts and a dipole. Dale (WA0CFQ) can be counted on year-round with regulars WB6YYZ “in northeast Pennsylvania,” N8KBF, AF2K, K4UW, NG2P, KI4ZN, N2CJM in Kansas, N8FCX (a soon-to-be member), KG8DV and N8VXZ (Hi Cindy!).

Sometimes we get surprises like W9HRQ in Milwaukee and WM2D in Manhattan. West coasters should try this net, since I’ve encountered complaints my signal was +10 in Oregon an hour and a half before sundown! Honest! The fun began after the LARC-ARRL settlement. Several rednecks were heard near 3860 making comments that “those people” have a net there. Sunday, December 11, when I called for check-ins, a number of stations kept repeating we were interfering with their QSO. NG2P found a clear frequency in the Advanced Class portion, so we QSY’d and had the spot all to ourselves. We’ve agreed to QSY to 3780 if things get too wild. But I’d hate to exclude our General Class members because of rude actions by others.

What do you think? I’d like your comments! vy 161, John WK8X

A Talk With The President

by Doc Kinne, N2IKR

A few weeks ago, knowing that the change of LARC Presidents would spark curiosity in the membership, I decided to call up the new President and ask him a few questions.

Our new LARC President, Technician Bob Laycock, KA2HUL, is no stranger to LARC administration. Bob is a past LARC Secretary. He joined LARC back in 1985 after he saw an ad for the club published in the Advocate. The club has been a lot of fun for Bob and he enjoys Amateur Radio much more because of it. Dayton in particular, he says, is a “real trip.” He’s always been impressed that even though he may not see certain LARC members for a year, in Dayton everything “clicks.” Why did he run for LARC President? “Jim needed a break,” he said sincerely. He hopes, though, that someone is planning on running against him in the next term since he doesn’t want to remain President for a decade!

Bob was exposed to Amateur Radio when he was around eight by his Uncle. I didn’t take then but years after college he got his Novice License in February of 1984 and then upgraded to Technician that summer. He counts himself as mainly a “2 meter” person, monitoring the local repeaters and chatting on the air. Bob is also deeply into public service work. He and the North Coast LARC chapter provide communications for the Cleveland Gay Pride March and the AIDS Fund-Raiser Walk. Bob also has fun with communications for a yearly auto rally which runs 250 miles all over NE Ohio. “The worse the weather is the better I like it,” he remarks.

Professionally Laycock works for the city of Cleveland as a neighborhood planner. As a planner he’s in charge of developing and planning thirty to forty different projects in four different neighborhoods. These can range from overseeing housing projects to putting new parks or shopping centers online. When not planning the homes of Cleveland’s new residents Bob likes to read, hang out with his boyfriend, do a bit of astronomy and photography and watch movies.

Now that KA8HUL has “ultimate power” what does he want to do with it? What are his hopes for the future? He feels that LARC’s greatest strength is its membership and leaders. We’ve had some outstanding leaders in the past, Bob thinks. Now that the ARRL situation is winding to a close Laycock thinks the next obvious step is League affiliation. He feels that it is less easy to attack a group of that group is officially part of you! He’d like to see more international members and more local chapters. Our challenge now is to take our rightful place in the Amateur Radio community and to build bridges of friendship and cooperation with the League. This can be brought about, he feels, by supporting the League in issues that LARC agrees with them on. Most of all he wants to have fun, and he wants to take everyone in LARC with him!

With the beginning of 1995 the torch has been passed to a new generation of LARC leaders. Let’s welcome them!

KK3K’s Uplink

by Jim Kelly, KK3K

I was thinking about a name for this new monthly column that I’ll be writing for the Lambda Net News and it occurred to me that, since I now operate ham radio primarily on satellite, the title might well contain some reference to the satellite realm. So, I came up with the title “KK3K’s Uplink.” An uplink, of course, is a transmission that you make to a

satellite; so your uplink is your voice, or key, or whatever. And that’s how I came up with the title!

While I spend most of my operating time on the satellite (OSCAR-13), I do still operate on HF, mostly to check into the LARC nets. But propagation on HF, at least on 20/15/10, has not been so good for some time now. I must confess that I’ve forgotten exactly where we are in terms of the sunspot

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LARC VP at MIT

by Bob Laycock, KA8UHL

LARC's new vice president is Dayton regular, Nick Altenbernd (KA1MQX). Nick joined LARC in the early 80s after seeing the Advocate ad that ran regularly in those days. He wasn't licensed yet, but got his ticket in January 1985 after taking a ham study course at MIT.

Nick lives in Boston and works as an administrator at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. When on the skeds, Nick is heard as W1MX, MIT's station — which, he reports, will soon add that monstrous 5-band beam antenna that was grand prize at Dayton last year. The winner couldn't use it and has donated it to MIT.

Nick was initiated into ham radio by his uncle, K8KTM. "Whenever we visited them as a kid, I would end up in his radio room-workshop (he was a professional radio engineer and repairman) listening to all those exotic stations on his fancy shortwave receiver. If we'd lived nearer him I would probably have been licensed as a kid. The desire was always in the back of my mind, but it wasn't until over 20 years later that I finally got myself into the MIT class. Childhood dream fulfilled!"

But, Nick says he operates too little these days. He occasionally works 70cm through MIT's W1XM repeater. "I have a modest HF setup at home — Drake 4C pair with a little window antenna and a handful of homebrew accessories. I wanted to work code, and do traffic nets, but I've been too lazy and my code ability has slipped embarrassingly. With a nifty homebrew keyer and a nice paddle just sitting here, you'd think I'd do it."

"I love to go to parades!" was Nick's answer when asked if he's active in gay rights. Nick volunteers for the local AIDS Action Committee doing data input and office work several nights a week, and is active from time to time with local political action groups. He added, "There is a lot of self-serving, puerile conduct in the gay political community. (For Heaven's sake, look at Congress, especially the one incoming!) I suffer from patience too limited to deal productively with such things, so I try to help out with the small tasks that aren't glorious but have to be done anyway." Next I asked Nick if he was out. "I came out when I moved

away from Ithaca, New York, where I went to college, to Boston. Enough living half a life, I decided. It's time to leave the well-behaved childhood behind. My family and I have never discussed it, but they stopped asking probing questions many years ago. They figured out I've grown out from their home environment into my own, and it's a very private one."

Music and photography are other interests in Nick's life. "What I really do is play the piano, compose and make photographs. I have some large-format landscapes hanging in a gallery in Provincetown, and I'm waiting to hear if I have a sales record yet... I play publicly when I have the chance. I played a little noontime recital in October at MIT. It included the complete Debussy Etudes. (Fools rush in...!)"

"The only new thing I've started recently is swimming. Last January I began to swim with Different Strokes, the local gay swim club. The first time I went, I managed only ten laps in an hour, and thought I was gonna die. Last week I did 41. I have more energy and sleep better than I ever have." Regarding the ARRL dispute, Nick said, "I think the whole thing is extremely unfortunate, and I think we have to pursue it to the end, no matter how annoying and unpleasant that is." He went on to express frustration at the limited inclusion of other minorities in the pages of QST and League operations generally. Looking forward from here, Nick said, "With 20/20 hindsight we might say that the resolution of the ARRL flap was predictable, although at times it seemed it would never come. What I would like to see now is an increase in [LARC's] membership, just fast enough to keep us all slightly off-center handling the growth."

"I'd like to see an ever-growing representation at Dayton, and that representation ever-more visible. Wear a few of the right buttons if you're comfortable at it... Ideally, I'd like to hear more open nets. I'd like us to be happily visible for those who still must be invisible. We all know how lonely and desperate that can be and how grateful we were, and are, for good public examples. LARC is that example — for gay hams open or closeted, and for the larger ham community. It's a big job and a big challenge. But it's nothing we haven't all done before."

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by Nick Altenbernd KA1MQX

Hams have always had handles of various sorts, and with e-mail we've added a few more to our repertory. To those of us who don't get on the air often enough, our newly-elected secretary, Doc Kinne, is more his e-mail (kinnerc) than his ham call (N2IKR). But he comes by his cyberidentity legitimately. I e-mailed him (from my office at MIT) and heard back a few minutes later that he was connected to MIT reading the student newspaper. Nobody reads the student newspaper. "Why???" Well, Doc and his other half Buddha N2OIA once visited MIT, checked out the campus like they thought they'd gone to heaven. That night their host found them curled up in the sofa bed — reading computer manuals! She immediately dubbed them first-order

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nerds, and they *knew* they'd been through the pearly gates. So he was reading the student paper just to keep up. If you have a GUI WWW interface, you can eyeball Doc, Buddha, and one of the cats on their home page: URL, <http://136.204.3.1/>

Doc is User Services Consultant for The State University of New York at Morrisville. "I like to describe this as 'I'm the one that tells the kids how to turn the terminals on.'" But he also cares for 500 terminals campus-wide, and is responsible for educating the entire community in their use. To fill out his professional time he runs a PC consulting firm with Buddha, and writes for several Macintosh publications, both print and online.

To eliminate the possibility of wasting any remaining time, Doc plays nationally-ranked chess ("I didn't say I had a good rank!"), Go and Shogi, and he's Chief Science Officer for the USS Accord. This surprised me. I knew the military were everywhere, but the Navy in the middle of upper New York State? And not even near a Finger Lake? Not to worry. It's a chapter of Starfleet: The International Star Trek Fan Association.

Doc has also been an important gay presence on the campus. He recently made Morrisville history by publicly coming out as the only openly gay faculty or staff member. "I'm still the only one, but it was historical because this has always been seen as a sort of agricultural hick college. The college's reaction was heartwarming and far greater than I had dared hope....the event where I came out was in introducing SUNY Morrisville's first Gay speaker." He is also

the faculty advisor for the newly-formed Gay and Lesbian Association.

Doc got lured into ham radio when he found out he could do BBSs free of charge and without being tied to wires. While he waited for the FCC to get his license processed, he SWLed around, and traffic handling "took hold of my soul." His Tech put him on packet in 1988, and voice op on 2 meters soon after. A few years later he and his boss started a ham club on campus. In order to inspire a class of novice embryos, he boasted that he'd do the 13 wpm code test with them. This inspired sarcastic comment from his boss. But they all got their Novice, and Doc got his Advanced (and Boss got his Comeuppance). His main mode is traffic handling; he is an Official Relay Station for the League, has fulfilled other public-service positions, and does experimental modes and contesting as time allows.

Doc found out about LARC from Finger Lakes chapter president Dave Minchella, and has been active with them about four years. The group has been a source of both friendship "and politics. I have always felt that while Gays will band together under any banner, it's not enough that a group band together just under that banner. There must be more. LARC provides that more." Now that the situation with the ARRL has been resolved, Doc wants us to "work to make the relationship work. I think it's going to be as hard as any alliance, but we both have things we can get out of it if we try hard." And for the future? "A large increase in our membership, as we increase our advertising internationally!"

KK3K's Uplink

cycle. I guess we're at or near the bottom. We really ought to have a propagation expert writing a column for the Lambda Net News to keep us up to date. When will the new cycle begin?

I've been so busy at the university that I have not been very active on the ham bands even on OSCAR-13. Unfortunately, AO-13 has not very usable for several months at a time due to poor antenna orientation. This is caused by the need to point it and its fixed solar panels and antennas toward the sun (rather than earth) so as to preserve battery strength. However, now it's back in it's best orientation mode, so it's very good at the moment. And, it should be fine for our LARC DXpedition in July.

Speaking of the upcoming LARC DXpedition, there sure are lots of exciting things happening or set to happen in connection with LARC. Dayton is just a few short months away. There will be some changes at Dayton: I just read that the buses will be back (for a fee of \$2.00 RT!), and this will be the last Hamvention held in April. In 1996, Dayton will happen in May. I guess that's good because the WX has been

pretty crappy in late April in recent years. Last year it was FREEZING and rainy. Maybe in May the WX will be better. In addition to Dayton, we're getting a real shot in the arm in terms of inquiries and potential new members as a result of LARC's presence in QST. And there's the LARC Internet roundtable which provides a forum for more and more LARC members to keep in touch. And lest we forget our club newsletter with it's fresh, new approach. It'll be fun to watch developments and participate in all of this as the year progresses.

My "Uplink" column will be freestyle commentary on a wide range of topics both within and outside of the hobby. It won't focus exclusively on ham radio just like a good ham QSO isn't limited to just signal reports or local WX conditions. One of the questions we've all been asked many times is: "What do you talk about on ham radio?" I've heard just about everything discussed, politics and religion included! But maybe a good way of answering the questions is to say that we talk about all those sorts of things that good friends talk about. And that's what I hope to do here!

DX in the Tropics: VP2E Hamcation

UPDATE! Caribbean Island Apartment for Hamcation Rental in Anguilla, BWI

Location: The apartment is located above Little Harbour on the side of South Hill. It is in the lower part of a private home (Dave and Dorothea's). The apartment has its own porch, two captain's beds, a desk operating position for ham radio, a kitchenette with mini-fridge, stove, sink, microwave, full bathroom with shower and closets. There are ceiling fans, built-in bookcase with books, a clock radio, dishes, and cooking/eating utensils. Maid service is provided.

Rates: The rates are US\$90 per day plus 8% government tax (total US\$97.20 per day) for up to two people.

Deposit: 25% of total bill. If you cancel at least 30-days prior to your scheduled visit, we will refund your deposit in full.

Payment: Cash or check. We are unable to accept credit cards.

Rental Cars: We can arrange for you. Cost is US\$35 per day, depending on season. The car rental agency takes credit cards and needs to see your U.S. driving license when you pick up the car. They will give you a temporary Anguillian driver's

license, which costs US\$6. Driving is on the left side, but it is not difficult to get used to as there is not much traffic in Anguilla.

Getting Here: The easiest way is through San Juan, Puerto Rico. American Airlines runs American Eagle service from San Juan direct to Anguilla and takes about 55 minutes. There are two flights a day, one in the morning and the other at night. Flights leaving Anguilla are in the morning and in the afternoon.

Ham License: A VP2E license costs US\$39.06 at this time for a stroke callsign (VP2E/yourcall). A regular VP2E callsign costs double, but only needs to be held by one in a group. We can arrange it or take you to the license office so you can do it yourself. There is only one license class here, which gives all emission and frequency privileges. License fees are scheduled to rise in January 1995 to US\$46.50 (cash payment) or US\$48.36 paid by cheque).

Equipment: Bring your own rig or rent one from us. The ham position is equipped with an RM35A Astron 35 amp

Dayton Hamvention Dates

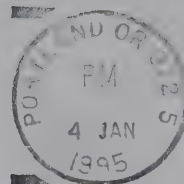
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If you've not renewed your membership in LARC yet ... you'd better do it soon! You'll only receive the February issue of the LNN before your mailbox will be empty of the latest news and views from other members. Don't put it off — renew today! Can't find that renewal form? Call the LARC Hotline and request one. Be sure to include your name, call (if any), and complete mailing address:

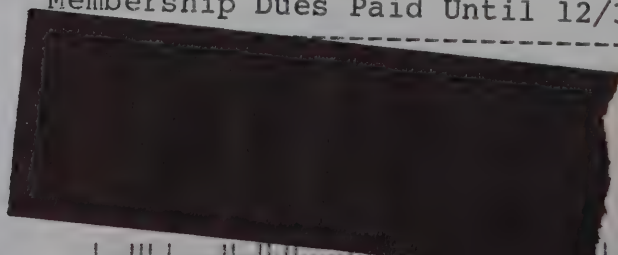
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Net Newsbits

by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

KA8UHL, KA1MQX, N2IKR Elected LARC Officers For 1995-96 Term

LARC election results have been tabulated and the membership has elected a new slate of club officers for the 1995-6 term: Bob Laycock (KA8UHL) of Cleveland, OH has been elected President, Nick Altenbernd (KA1MQX) of Boston, MA has been elected Vice-President, and Doc Kinne (N2IKR) of Cazanovia, NY has been elected Secretary. The vote for president was: KA8UHL: 86, AF2K: 4, abstain: 1. The vote for vice president was: KA1MQX: 28, KK6JD: 13, N8PSH: 25, WK8X: 22, abstain: 3. The vote for secretary was: N2IKR: 37, KD6ZZ: 34, AA7UT:15, abstain: 5. LARC's volunteer election committee consisting of Bill (K9AT) and Larry (WB8LOZ) mailed notifications of the results of the elections to all candidates and current LARC officers in November. Congratulations to the new elected LARC Executive Committee and thanks to all who ran for LARC elected office.

LARC Revised Constitution and By-Laws Approved

LARC members overwhelmingly voted to adopt the revised version of the LARC Constitution and By-Laws. The vote was 85 in favor, 2 opposed, and 4 abstentions. The revised constitution and by-laws take effect immediately.

LARC Ads Return to QST

The December, 1994 Issue of QST, the official publication of the American Radio Relay League, has been mailed to members and is available on selected newsstands. This issue marks the return of the Lambda Amateur Radio Club's classified ads to the pages of QST after an absence of nine years and one month. LARC's ads last appeared in QST in November of 1985.

The first of four large LARC display ads set to run during the next nine months appears on page 192. On page 196 LARC's small classified ad appears in the "Clubs/Hamfests/Nets" section. Also on page 196 the ARRL has added the following wording to its policy on ham ads: "The American Radio Relay League does not discriminate in its advertising on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, or national origin." Finally, in the "Happenings" column on page 88 the text of the joint LARC/ARRL statement is reproduced in its entirety.

"The return of LARC's ads to the pages of QST signals the beginning of a new era of cooperation between LARC and the ARRL" according to LARC's President Jim Kelly (KK3K). "Both organizations, and the hobby in general, will benefit from a productive and cooperative relationship between the two organizations" according to Kelly.

New LARC Hotline Number and E-mail Contact Addresses

Effective immediately, the new LARC telephone hotline number is: (216) 556-1642. Callers are connected to a voice mailbox and an announcement welcomes the caller and gives preliminary information including how to leave a message. In addition, LARC President-elect Bob Laycock (KA8UHL) has announced two new e-mail addresses for the club: for general inquiries and other routine purposes send e-mail to LambdaARC@aol.com; submissions to the Lambda Net News can be sent to LNetNews@aol.com.

Changes to LNN Coming

By Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI, Long Beach, CA)
Editor, Lambda Net News

As your editor of the Lambda Net News since June 1985, I've witnessed many, many changes to the newsletter. From my viewpoint, they've all been good ones, designed to keep up with the changing tastes and desires of our members.

In years past, the club's officers were responsible for the vast majority of the changes and additions to the newsletter. Also, many of the more practical modifications were suggestions from all of you, our members.

Your new officers are already looking for ways to make the Lambda Net News more "reader friendly" so you'll enjoy reading the newsletter more. Their reasons for making these changes are sound ones. They rightly have observed that while all of us do different things in the pursuit of the ham radio hobby, the one single thing we all share each month is the LNN. Therefore, it is a vital part of the fabric that holds LARC together.

Together with the newly elected slate of officers, I'm working to implement the enhancements they believe will make reading the LNN more enjoyable for you. So, starting with the January issue, you'll see some new features and some enhancements to the look of the LNN. Please give us your comments — and enjoy!

LARC Birthdays

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| KA9NZI | Gary Phillips | KB2DWB | Lisa Doiron |
| N2DLJ | Craig Hubbard | N4VA | Larry Vogt |
| G4JED | Keith Bird | WA4ITY | Charles Garner |
| N2HGZ | Joseph Costa | | |

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President's Key

by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)
President, LARC

Well, here it is, my last "President's Key" column for the Lambda Net News. But hold on! You haven't seen the last of me yet. Next month I'll start with the first of my new monthly series of articles for the LNN. I hope to continue to contribute to one of the best amateur radio newsletters around: ours! And, judging by what I've seen in terms of new ideas for the newsletter coming from our new slate of LARC officers, the LNN will be even better in 1995 and beyond!

I can't tell you how excited I am about the future prospects for our club. We had so many excellent candidates in our last election. There is so much enthusiasm about LARC. And, the membership has elected a superb slate of dedicated individuals who will insure that the club continues to prosper. The future for the club is very bright.

Nothing could make me happier at this point than to see the club grow and flourish under new leadership. Actually, this is the acid test of whether or not I've been able to accomplish anything over the past decade. If the club does well from this point on, as I think it will, then I've been successful in accomplishing something of lasting value. So, I'm depending on the new officers to carry the baton forward. And I know, with your support, they won't let me down.

I sure have a lot of people to thank: all of the dedicated members who served in office with me over the years, some of whom are continuing to serve during the next term and all of the volunteers who helped out over the years in various capacities; too many individuals to mention by name, actually. But I want to thank them all for helping to make LARC a success story. And, since no leader can please all of the people all of the time, I'd like to say that I regret that there have been instances when some members have been unhappy with me, for whatever reason. I can only say in my defense that I tried to do the right thing for our members, for the club, and for our community; and I'm sorry that there were misunderstandings or disagreements at times.

So now it's time to rally behind the really fine individuals who have been elected to serve as your LARC officers for the next term. They'll need your help and encouragement, for sure. But more than that, they can use your active participation. Consider volunteering to help out in some capacity, especially before you pick up the mic to complain about something you don't like. If you're unhappy about something, find out how you can help to improve it. Pitch in if you can. Not everybody can get involved, but the more that do, the better. Write for the newsletter, organize a local LARC chapter or get-together, act as net control on a LARC net, or come up with a new way to make the club more interesting and fun for the membership. As always, the club is only as good as we, the members, make it!

Best holiday wishes to all from my QTH: from Jim (KK3K), Dan, Frida the dog and Nikko the cat! See you down the log! de KK3K

Net Newsbits

Hamvention Date Change

(Source: Amateur Radio Newsline)

After four decades of fighting the uncertainty of weather conditions in Ohio in late April, ham radio's greatest show on earth is changing its date effective in 1996. That's when the Dayton Hamvention will abandon its traditional last weekend in April for a much warmer and less rain vulnerable mid May date. Ken Allen (KB8KE) is chairman of Hamvention '95. "We had received comments over the years, increasingly of late from attendees and people in the flea market, some of the other exhibitors that they really would like to see us move later in the year. Also the HARA Arena people were interested in seeing us move it later in the year because of possible conflicts with their hockey team that is based there." Ken Allen (KB8KE). Starting in 1996, that's a year and a half from now, the Hamvention will be held the third weekend in May. Hamvention '96 will take place the weekend of May 17, 18 and 19. The 1997 Hamvention will take place May 16, 17 and 18 and 1998 will be May 15, 16 and 17. Why no change for 1995? Many of the regular exhibitors at the Hamvention work up their convention schedules one, two or even three years in advance. Giving them only six months notice would not be fair to them. Therefore no change is planned for the 1995 Hamvention. It's still slated for the weekend of April 28, 29 and 30 at the HARA Arena in Dayton.

ARRL vs. LAMBDA Settlement Cost

(Source: Amateur Radio Newsline)

Newsline has received word from the ARRL that its insurance and not the leagues operating budget paid most of the cost of its recent legal settlement with the Lambda Amateur Radio Club. As

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Membership rosters are published several times each year and will be inserted into an issue of the LAMBDA NET NEWS. This summarized roster lists basic member information. If you'd like to receive a highly detailed, in-depth listing of each member, just send a 9" x 12" self-addressed envelope with \$1.90 postage affixed and a custom printed roster will be on its way to you. This way, you can have an updated roster as often as you'd like and LARC will not be sending rosters to anyone who doesn't want one.

Mail your request TODAY to the address immediately above.

LARC Chapter Directory

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North Coast Chapter

Contact: Brian DeWitt (N8VTA) or
Doug Braun (KB8TGT)
2350 Grandview Avenue
Cleveland Heights, OH 44106-3120
(216) 229-2827

Serves NE Ohio. No dues or regular business meetings, but do hold occasional social gatherings. Also, Internet roundtable and numerous public service events.

City of Brotherly Love (COBL) Chapter

Contact: Jim Kelly (KK3K)
P.O. Box 24810
Philadelphia, PA 19130
(215) 235-0953

Serves Phila. metro area including S. Jersey, N. Delaware, and Maryland. Meetings every 6-8 weeks. No dues. Note: Chapter presently inactive.

Finger Lakes Chapter — 1993

Contact: Jim Miller (N2IMS)
80 Campfire Rd. North
Henrietta, NY 14467
(716) 359-3337

Serves western and central NY state. Meetings 3rd Friday each month for dinner and meeting. Dues are \$5 per year. Chapter outings to local attractions.

Gateway (GLARC) Chapter — 1993

Contact: Bob Hamilton (WA0S)
2301 Park Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63104-2541
(314) 773-4056

Serves midwest. Meetings 1st Thursday of each month. Call for location.

Hollywood Chapter — 1993

Contact: Rick Feams (K6VE), President
P.O. Box 65643
Los Angeles, CA 90065
(213) 256-6556

Serves southern California. Meetings are quarterly on weekends on announced schedule. Dues. Note: Field trips and outings are often scheduled.

Sunshine (SLARC) Chapter — 1994

Contact: Tom Hendrix (K14ZN)
02406 Lake Ella Road
Fruitland Park, FL 34731

Serves Florida. Meetings are held at hamfest locations throughout the state during the year and as required.

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previously reported, the two groups have announced an out of court settlement to Lambda's discrimination claim. Part of the compromise included an agreement for the League to pay Lambda's legal fees pegged at \$25,000. We at Newline also speculated that the ARRL itself had probably shelled out another \$25,000 in its own defense. But as it turns out this is not the case. This is because the ARRL happens to have insurance to cover these kinds of situations. According to the League's Executive Vice President, Dave Sumner (K1ZZ), the settlement of Lambda's administrative complaint did not cost the League any more than if the ARRL had gone into the hearing and had won. Sumner says that by settling the league was able to avoid the distraction of a hearing and to continue concentrating on what he termed as the important Amateur Radio issues. Sumner noted that he did not think it is appropriate to discuss the details of the League's insurance coverage. He did say that speculation about the cost to the League is inaccurate and must be corrected.

Member Correspondence

From Bob (KA8UHL): I want to thank folks for all the kind congratulation notes I've received since the election. I'll try to live up to everyone's expectations. I'm very excited about this coming year. The transition is going hot and heavy as Nick, Doc, the out-going officers and I burn up the Internet making plans and getting logistics worked out. We're working on a number of ideas including new enhancements to the Lambda Net News. As you know, we're moving the International Headquarters to Cleveland here and have a new address and hotline number: Lambda Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 91757, Cleveland, Ohio 44101-3757 216-556-1642. We also now have an Internet address for membership inquiries and official correspondence to the club. Those of you running local ads around the country, please add this address to your ad copy. The new Internet address is: LambdaARC@aol.com. Attention Chapters.....One of the new features coming to the Lambda Net News is a monthly report from our chapters. I sent a letter to all the chapters two weeks ago, but haven't received replies from all of you. The deadline for articles for the January issue is December 15th. Please let me know who will be writing your article. Articles can be sent to me by mail at the P.O. Box above, or by FAX (call my home phone by voice first), or preferably by e-mail to a new Internet address set up for the newsletter: Lnetnews@aol.com. Articles sent to this e-mail address should be included in the body of the e-mail message (no attached files) as ASCII text. Please use the 'LNetNews' address ONLY for items intended for publication, and please DO NOT publicize the 'LNetNews' address outside the club. It's for LNN internally. Thanks again to everyone. Please feel free to contact me at any time with ideas, questions, complaints, compliments, chocolate chip cookies, whatever. I'd love to hear from you. 161, Bob (KA8UHL).

From GØBEV: Congratulations to all the winners in the LARC Elections on behalf of everyone in the European Chapter and very best wishes to Jim and all of the outgoing Team. Considering the achievements of the past year in particular, it's a hard act to follow, but LARC now has an excellent base to start from and given the good will that we all hope will flow from the ARRL Settlement lets look forward to the next few years of successful operation and growth. 73s from STUART (GØBEV).

From Kari (OH1BM) on the LARC internet roundtable November 10: Fellow LARCers, Seta.fi will be shut down tomorrow Fri evening. A new UNIX operating system will be installed. It may take a few days before everything is re-compiled and all the services restored. At the same time, a WWW server will be installed. If there's anybody out there interested in maintaining a LARC info-page, let me know. Please allow some 3-4 days from tomorrow on for the Larc mailing list service to be operational again. Rgds, Kari (OH1BM) kari@seta.fi (NOTE: LARC @ seta.fi is up and running again!)

From Bob (NG2P): I would like to say congratulations to Bob, Nick and Doc after election to the National Board of LARC. I know all of you and I know we are in excellent hands. May the new challenges be as exciting as those in the recent past. Doc does that mean we will see you at Dayton

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Personal Stuff

CQ CQ! Attention hams, SWLers worldwide in English! This is WDX-3-IAP and WLS-1PA calling all stations worldwide in English. Active DXer wants to swap QSL cards with all stations. Also seeking pen-friends or those interested in swapping 60 minute audio cassette taped letters for sincere and life-long friendships. All replies will be answered. David Paolini, P.O. Box 24634, Philadelphia, PA 19111-0634.

I would like to correspond with any LARC members who are or were nightclub D.J.s or who collect modern dance music. Write or call — Robert Baker, WA2IEK, 262 40th Street, Irvington, NJ 07111-1149, (201) 374-9631

Would like to meet ham (or aspiring ham) for friendship and possible relationship. Dale A. Clark, WA0CFQ, Box 668, Wellsville, KS 66092, (913) 883-4090 (Leave message on machine if I'm out.)

I would like to share my home and expense with a compatible ham. LeRoy D. Lawhorn, W4VIW, Lambda #1095, 357 Hillandale Rd., Apt. 238, Greenville, SC 29609-2310, (803) 233-3527

Pen friends wanted. Licensed 24 years. Diverse interests. Temporarily QRT to study history/education. Dignity member. Club roster or Callbook address: N2DLJ

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next April? And thanks to the out going board for a job well done. This is an excellent club. 161's Bob (NG2P).

From NJ5E: Oh no ... (with the Hamvention date change) looks like we're gonna have to come up with new Timberfell Lodge dates starting in 96! I hope more people are thinking about going camping at Timberfell in May 95. I also hope to make it to Dayton again. We'll see what April brings in '95! 161s, Ramsey (NJ5E) From N8KBF: A nice turnout for the Wednesday nite (November 16), East Coast U.S. 75-meter net: WA0CFQ; WK8X; KI4ZN; N8KBF; NG2P; K3RGB; WB6YYZ; AF2K; KG8DZ; WB5MEI. Propagation was extremely good for long skip, with close-in stations unable to work each other. Winter is coming! :-)

American Eagle Crash

(Source: Amateur Radio Newsline)

Amateur radio was called upon to help in the aftermath of the October 31st American Eagle plane crash. The twin-engine French built turboprop slammed into a northwest Indiana soybean field, killing all 68 passengers and crew. The devastation of Flight 4184's crash makes recovery a wide spread an tedious operation. With scores of investigators and relief workers on site, the need for communications was critical. The Salvation Army was among several agencies sending crews to the crash area. Pat McPherson (WW9E) is the Salvation Army's local disaster service director. He says hams manned key relief stations through out the area. "What we have hear, in the Salvation Army actually, are number of vehicles, including five disaster canteens. One is a staging canteen, area canteen, where we bring in our people and our supplies initially and then disperse them to the areas. We have two canteens on the crash site. One serves all of the responding personnel, the other is actually on the recovery area with recovery teams. We have also a canteen at the emergency or temporary morgue. We have our Salvation Army counselors and canteen people there. We also have a canteen at a counseling site near the emergency morgue. So what we found out, at least from my point of view, is I needed communications between all of these different entities and my people in Chicago." Pat McPherson (WW9E). McPherson is part of SATERN, the Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Net. SATERN members were called into action shortly after the crash. "The disaster area that we were serving extended to about 100 miles, at least the range we needed to communicate from Chicago to Remington, IN were a temporary morgue was setup and was actually the command center for the entire operation there." (WW9E).

Amateur radio frequencies on 2 meters and HF were active around the clock with disaster related traffic. McPherson says hams have an important role in crash relief efforts. "It affects our efficiency. It affects the number of necessary errors of going back and forth. Because if you didn't have communications you would just have to make a number of trips that you wouldn't have to. You can understand when I am 50 to 60 miles away from the scene to be able to make a decision right there when I have no other means of communications and to help out in the situation, there's a dynamic you really can't formulate very easily just way beyond what you can normally do" (WW9E). Amateurs from several clubs provided communications assistance. Hams also responded from Illinois. Amateur radio is credited with once again providing a vital service in the wake of tragedy. The use of amateur radio during the American Eagle crash is another example of how valuable hams can be during disasters. Peggy Coulter (W9JUI) is the ARRL's Indiana Section Manager. She praised what hams at the crash site did. "I think it's wonderful, I think it's great to link the different places together" Peggy Coulter (W9JUI). One other note on the role hams played in the crash aftermath. Disaster officials found that hams can sometimes do what cellular telephones cannot. Cellular coverage is marginal in some parts of the crash site area making amateur radio all the more valuable.

President Signs Pro Ham Bill

(Source: Amateur Radio Newsline)

The ARRL supported joint resolution favoring Amateur Radio was signed into law by President Bill Clinton on October 22. Now known as Public Law 103-408, it was the result of a joint congressional resolution supporting Amateur Radio was successfully passed through both houses of Congress in the wee hours of the morning of October 7. The language of the new law supports "reasonable accommodation" in the operation of Amateur Radio stations in homes, automobiles and public places. Getting the measure passed through congress was a last ditch effort by Senators Charles Robb, Wendell Ford and Alan Simpson to make Senate Joint Resolution 90 a reality. The bill passed on the floor of the Senate under unanimous consent at 12:10 AM on October 7th. From there it then went to the House of Representatives where it was brought up by Congressman Al Swift and passed unanimously at 2:45 AM. Patricia Spurlock, a staffer for Senator Robb, and Stephanie Vance, a staffer for Congressman Mike Kreidler, worked overtime on the bill. You may remember that it was Kreidler introduced the original House version. More information on this successful League initiative appeared in the September, October, and November issues of the ARRL's QST magazine.

FCC Abandons Reciprocal Licensing Docket

(Source: Amateur Radio Newsline)

The FCC has abandoned a proceeding aimed at using the all volunteer testing program to certify foreign hams for operation in the United States. Private Radio Docket 92-167 proposed that Volunteer Examiners inspect credentials and administer brief examinations to visiting foreign amateurs as a basis for the granting of temporary FCC operating permits to hams from countries which do not have reciprocal operating agreements with the United States. In its comments on the FCC proposal, filed in 1992, the ARRL had said there were better ways to achieve the objective of the proceeding. The League suggested that the US take the lead in establishing a universal worldwide license. It urged the FCC to abandon its proposal and consider alternative steps leading in that direction including US participation in a European CEPT license arrangement. Now, the FCC has decided not to amend its current rules regarding visiting hams. Instead, it has noted the suggestions in the comments for alternative means of licensing visiting foreign amateurs. It says it will continue to explore other options for meeting this need and will work to ensure the reciprocal treatment of US amateurs overseas.

Hot Beads Missing

(Source: Amateur Radio Newsline)

If someone at a swapmeet or hamfest offers to sell you 600 little glass beads that glow in the dark run to the nearest phone and call the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. No, we are not kidding since these beads contain a radioactive material missing in Grand Rapids Michigan. The Associated Press reports that the NRC is scrambling to find the beads that were taken by a temporary worker from a Michigan company. A detective told the news service that the worker took the beads used to make military compasses because he thought they were — and we quote — "cool" to look at. The worker then gave some of the beads to a friend, who passed some on to friends and so on. Half of the 12-hundred beads taken are missing. The Radioactive material in the beads cause them to glow yellow in daylight and green in the dark. Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials say the beads, filled with radioactive tritium gas, could cause only minor radiation contamination if broken. But they want the beads returned, no questions asked.

Annual Membership Renewal Form

Your dues for the coming year in the Lambda Amateur Radio Club are now due. If you belong to an Affiliated Chapter, your chapter may receive a rebate of a portion of your dues. Be sure to indicate your local chapter's name on the form.

If you joined LARC since September 1st of this year, your dues are considered paid for next year, but you still **must return** this member renewal form for mailing address verification. Thank you for joining LARC!

INSTRUCTIONS

- Be sure to check the correct boxes and write-in the total amount you are sending to LARC. Mail this **ENTIRE** completed sheet along with your check or postal money order to the LARC renewal address shown below.
- Enclose your check or postal money order in U.S. funds made payable to "Lambda Amateur Radio Club."
- Mail promptly to:** Tom Hendrix (KI4ZN), 02406 Lake Ella Road, Fruitland Park, FL 34731-5324 U.S.A.

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| ☒ Regular LARC Membership: | ☐ | X | \$ 20.00 | \$ 30.00 | = | \$ |
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| ☐ I would like to make an additional contribution to LARC: | | | | | | \$ |
| ☐ I am a member of this LARC Affiliated Chapter: _____ | | | | | | |
| ☐ I joined LARC since September 1st of this year. My dues are paid for next year. | | | | | | |
| ☒ I am currently a member of the ARRL ... | | | | | | |
| Circle one ... | YES | NO | | | | |
| | | | | | TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED | \$ |

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Regular LARC Membership

This is a single, regular LARC membership.

Family LARC Membership

This type of membership saves LARC mailing costs, reduce your total membership dues and allow you and another member of your family to both be full members in LARC. You will both be listed separately on club rosters and your family will receive a single copy of the Lambda Net News. The family member must complete an application form so the information can be entered in our mailing database.

Student / Low Income LARC Membership

This type of membership is designed to help LARC defray a portion of the costs of mailing the Lambda Net News to you each month.

Other Important Details

All members are required to complete and mail the renewal form to make sure we have up-to-date address information. Your renewal dues are payable only if the "Dues Paid To" date on your mailing label expires at the end of the current year. For convenience, many members pay their dues 2-3 years ahead.

All renewals are direct to LARC only. If you belong to an Affiliated Chapter, LARC will rebate a portion of your dues back to your Affiliated Chapter. Your chapter Treasurer has the details.

DX in the Tropics: VP2E Hamcation

UPDATE! Caribbean Island Apartment for Hamcation Rental in Anguilla, BWI

Location: The apartment is located above Little Harbour on the side of South Hill. It is in the lower part of a private home (Dave and Dorothea's). The apartment has its own porch, two captain's beds, a desk operating position for ham radio, a kitchenette with mini-fridge, stove, sink, microwave, full bathroom with shower and closets. There are ceiling fans, built-in bookcase with books, a clock radio, dishes, and cooking/eating utensils. Maid service is provided.

Rates: The rates are US\$90 per day plus 8% government tax (total US\$97.20 per day) for up to two people.

Deposit: 25% of total bill. If you cancel at least 30-days prior to your scheduled visit, we will refund your deposit in full.

Payment: Cash or check. We are unable to accept credit cards.

Rental Cars: We can arrange for you. Cost is US\$35 per day, depending on season. The car rental agency takes credit cards and needs to see your U.S. driving license when you pick up the car. They will give you a temporary Anguillian driver's license, which costs US\$6. Driving is on the left side, but it is not difficult to get used to as there is not much traffic in Anguilla.

Getting Here: The easiest way is through San Juan, Puerto Rico. American Airlines runs American Eagle service from San Juan direct to Anguilla and takes about 55 minutes. There are two flights a day, one in the morning and the other at night. Flights leaving Anguilla are in the morning and in the afternoon.

Ham License: A VP2E license costs US\$39.06 at this time for a stroke callsign (VP2E/yourcall). A regular VP2E callsign costs double, but only needs to be held by one in a group. We can arrange it or take you to the license office so you can do it yourself. There is only one license class here, which gives all emission and frequency privileges. License fees are scheduled to rise in January 1995 to US\$46.50 (cash payment) or US\$48.36 paid by cheque).

Equipment: Bring your own rig or rent one from us. The ham position is equipped with an RM35A Astron 35 amp power supply with meters and a banana-jack power strip. We supply an antenna tuner, dummy load, antenna switches, ICE bandpass filters on all bands, a 2-meter voice and packet radio, and a packet TNC. Antennas include: Mosley Pro54 (10, 12, 15, 17, & 20 meters) yagi, Cushcraft CD40 (2 element, 40 meter) yagi, Optimized 4-element 6 meter yagi, Cushcraft R7 vertical (10-40 meters), and an 80-160 meter Windom wire antenna. Electrical supply is 120-volts AC, 60 Hz. The rental rig is an Icom IC-735 with optional CW filters and CW keyer and rents for \$25 per day.

Contact: A complete packet of information including photos is available from LARC members Dorothea (VP2EE) or Dave (VP2EHF) Mann, P.O. Box 599, Anguilla, British West Indies. Phone: (809) 497-2150, FAX: (809) 497-3557, or E-Mail: 74227.3127@compuserve.com

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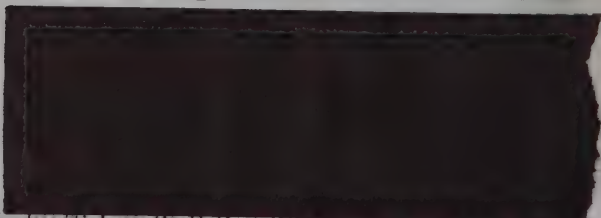
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by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

LARC Ads Return To QST

LARC will return to the pages of QST in a big way in December. For the first time since November 1985, the December 1994 issue of QST will include LARC's classified ad as well as the first of four one-eight page display ads that the League has agreed to run for LARC. The ARRL will also run a non-discriminatory statement pertaining to advertising in the "Ham-Ads" section. This statement should also appear in the December issue.

Survey Results: LARC Members Favor Formal ARRL Affiliation

The results of the recent survey of LARC members' attitudes on ARRL and advertising-related issues have been tabulated. Seventy (70) LARC members responded to the survey and 64 members indicated that they favor formal affiliation while only 5 were not in favor of formal affiliation (there was 1 abstention). Of the 70 LARC members who responded to the survey, 44 (63%) are ARRL members while 26 (37%) are not currently members of the League. Forty-five (45) members indicated that they would take advantage of any discounts available as a result of formal affiliation, while 23 said they would not. However, 13 of the 23 are already ARRL life-members who would not be eligible for further yearly membership discounts. (NOTE: the League offers a \$2.00 discount to affiliated clubs on yearly ARRL membership renewals processed through the club, and a \$5.00 discount on new members signed up and processed by the club. No discounts are currently available direct to members of affiliated clubs.) There were 63 votes in favor of advertising in Worldradio, and the vote on whether to advertise in 73 Amateur Radio Today was 52 in favor and 17 opposed. Members also favored continuing ads in CQ where LARC ads are currently running, and the membership also favors running ads in a variety of other publications including Nuts & Volts, Popular Communications, U.K. and other foreign ham magazines, Monitoring Times, Popular Electronics, the OCWA Journal, the AMSAT Journal, and various computer-oriented and gay/lesbian oriented publications.

Ham Media Cover LARC/ARRL Settlement

Both the W5YI Report (a ham-oriented newsletter published twice a month in Dallas, TX), and Amateur Radio Newline (a weekly recorded ham radio-related news broadcast service that is also distributed electronically and is based in Pasadena, CA) covered the LARC/ARRL discrimination complaint settlement. The November 1st issue of the W5YI Report, and the October 22nd issue (#897), and October 30th (#898) issues of Amateur Radio Newline reported on the settlement. The W5YI Report settlement coverage apparently focused on information contained in a separate independent press release issued by the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund on October 20, 1994. Coverage of the settlement in Issue #897 (10/22) of Amateur Radio Newline was apparently based on the joint distribution statement issued by LARC and the ARRL, whereas issue #898 referenced the LLDEF press release. LARC President Jim Kelly (KK3K) was also interviewed by RAIN (Radio Amateur Information Network) producer Hap Holly (KC9RP). RAIN produces a weekly tape of news and events that is available via a dial-up service in the Chicago area (708 - 827 - RAIN). The weekly taped newscast is also broadcast by a number of local repeater clubs in various

VP2V Update

by Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI, Long Beach, CA)

Planning is well underway for the July 1-8, 1995 LARC DXpedition to VP2V, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Accommodations have been reserved and a full group of 14 members are expected to take to the airwaves, sun and surf on this Caribbean island. Ten members are currently confirmed to go: Don (WB6LYI) and partner Joe, Brian (N8VTA) and partner Doug, Tom (KI4ZN), Bob (NG2P), Philip (WD4IJV) and partner Ernest, Jim (KK3K), and Howard (W9BVD).

All of these members are paying for their trip in advance using our convenient "lay-away plan" where they send only \$40 per month per person to me. I deposit all of the checks into a savings account and pay expenses as-needed, like room deposits and license fees. Members receive a periodic accounting re-cap of what they have paid and their balance due. This makes it easy to save for the trip. The only remaining expense is airfare and spending money once we've arrived on the island.

Several other LARC members are in the process of confirming their participation in the trip. There is still space available, but you'll need to act quickly. Just send \$80 (two months) per person to: Don Bledsoe, P.O. Box 91299, Long Beach, CA 90809.

Don't read in QST about what others are doing ... do it yourself! Come join us!

LARC Birthdays

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| G4JKE/W4 | Derek King | KB8UOQ | Gena Husman |
| KC2K | Charles Dailey | GM2KWL | Brian Mullen |
| N1HRZ | Ken Unger | K8VOW | Robin Arnold |
| K9AT | Bill Choisser | N8VXZ | Cindy Dean |
| WB6YYZ | Robert Reite | AA2DY | John Kent |
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| KC7AZZ | Albert Walles | WA9UXN | Robert Bothum |

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President's Key

by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

President, LARC

I'm watching my mailbox and eagerly awaiting the delivery of the December 1994 issue of QST, the issue that will mark the return of LARC to the pages of our national amateur radio organization's flagship journal. I'm certain that we'll receive a flood of inquiries for membership information that will keep our membership secretary busy. I'm excited about the prospects for growth. We could double our membership in a short time. Wouldn't that be great!

I'm also happy to see that our members are in favor of formal affiliation with the ARRL. I am in favor formal ARRL affiliation myself. That does not mean that I agree with everything that the ARRL says and does, because I do not. But I do think that we need a strong national ham radio organization in these days of the sale of the radio spectrum to the highest bidder. We need a strong national organization to promote amateur radio and to fight to protect our frequency allocations from greedy business interests and short-sighted government officials who do not care about public service, technological development and experimentation, the education and training of our youth, and the pure enjoyment of ham radio. Yes, the ARRL has defects, but for better or worse, it's our only national advocacy organization. And, it's up to us to make it better!

I led the charge against the League to get them to stop discriminating against LARC and allow us to participate fully as equals, as fellow hams, and as fellow League members. But now that struggle is over it's time for us to work with and through the ARRL for the betterment of amateur radio. We can and should be critical of the League and its officers when and where appropriate. After all, they work for us, the membership. But it's our responsibility to get and stay involved, to become and stay active League members, and to support LEAGUE efforts on behalf of the hobby. That's why I'd like to see LARC become an ARRL-affiliated club. de KK3K

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localities. The taped interview of KK3K was set to run on the dial-up service during the week beginning Friday, November 4th and ending Thursday, November 10th. Finally, the settlement of the LARC/ARRL discrimination case was covered as the lead story of the October, 1994 issue of The Voice of Ham-Reason newsletter published by Karl Kopetzky & Associates. The newsletter is published periodically and is distributed free of charge. Copy and subscription requests should be directed to the publisher at 3619 N. Lamon Avenue, Chicago, IL 60641.

Amateur Radio Newsline Coverage: LARC & ARRL Settle Discrimination Claim

(Source: Amateur Radio Newsline issue #897)

The American Radio Relay League and the Lambda Amateur Radio Club seem to have reached a resolution of LARC's discrimination complaint against the league. A complaint filed before the State of Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities in March 1992. By way of background, back in September of 1985, LARC submitted a classified advertisement for publication in the "Club and Hamfests" section of QST magazine. The ad read — and we quote — "the Lambda Net club for gay hams with members nationwide and Canada. On-air skeds and newsletter. For info write Jim, KK3K, at P.O.Box 24810, Philadelphia, PA 19130" — end quote —. The advertisement was published in the November, 1985 issue of QST, but was refused in subsequent issues. Lambda submitted the advertisement in 1987, 1989, and 1991. Each time QST refused it. As a result, Lambda filed the complaint before the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights. The complaint asserted that the sexual orientation of Lambda members was the reason for the refusal to publish the advertisement. Lambda also said that QST's refusal to publish the advertisement constituted discrimination based on sexual orientation. The ARRL still disputes the allegations in the complaint but in February 1994, the Human Rights Commission found that — and again we quote — "reasonable cause for believing that a discriminatory practice had been committed." The Commission then scheduled the case for a hearing but to date none was ever held. Instead, the ARRL and Lambda held a meeting at which time they reached what both term as a mutually acceptable solution to Lambda's discrimination complaint. Both organizations say that the matter is now settled. They have also issued a joint statement that indicates that the ARRL and Lambda have resolved this situation in — quote — "a spirit of good will and mutual respect which will allow each organization to cooperate as they concentrate their efforts on the many challenges confronting ham radio today."

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Pen friends wanted. Licensed 24 years. Diverse interests. Temporarily QRT to study history/education. Dignity member. Club roster or Callbook address: N2DLJ

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Member Correspondence

From John (WK8X): The Sunday night 75 meter net is the place to be! With propagation improving for the winter, more LAMBDA club members are checking in weekly...If you don't have 75 meter gear, try checking in using a friend's station. Try tuning around 3680 KHz at 21:45 EST. We also meet weekly at 21:30 EST each Wednesday. Throw a wire up into a tree and meet us there!

From John (AA2DY): This new Internet access service I'm using has been working out pretty well, but there are a few drawbacks...one is that they won't let you dump their stock .sig file. I don't know what good it does them, since well over 99% of the people who see it are not in a position to be customers (not in the local dialing area, I mean). The WWW client works well though, and that's become my main exploration method.

From Bob (KA8UHL) on the LARC/ARRL settlement: I have to offer my heartiest congratulations and deepest appreciation to Jim & Don (and all the officers) for everything they've done over the years to make this possible. We owe you a lot, guys. THREE CHEERS! ...Every such advance brings us all closer to the day when prejudice and discrimination will end. I've posted the press releases on America Online in the ham section and the LARC area in the Lesbian-Gay section. I've received private e-mail from several AOL subscribers I don't know thanking us for "fighting the good fight." ...Yes, I think we may now find a "kinder, gentler" APRL now. Did anyone notice David Sumner's comments in the "It Seems to Us..." section at the front of the November issue of QST (p. 9)? He wasn't talking about us, but I wondered if he was helping pave the way for the imminent changes in QST. He wrote: "There is considerable diversity within Amateur Radio. On this page we frequently talk about why this is at the same time a great strength and our principal weakness. Sometimes it seems as if we're 50 separate interest groups marching in 50 different directions, passing up opportunities for mutual support when it's needed and bumping into one another even when collisions could be avoided. We must work together better, and to do this we need to respect one another more. To do that, we have to understand one another — perhaps even ourselves — a little better."

From Jim (KK3K): I recently got a FAX from Lambda Legal. The San Francisco Sentinel covered our settlement with the League in their October 26 issue. If you live in the Bay area, on the Left Coast, or in a city with a good L/G/B/T bookstore then you can look at a copy and check it out! I really enjoyed Doc's (N2IKR) recent post to LARC@seta.fi. I especially liked his comments about how he felt upon receiving the latest copy of QST, i.e., that this was the first issue that you received as a first class or full member of the League. But, wait until next month! We just found out yesterday that not only will our classified ad begin appearing in the December issue, but our first block or display ad will also appear in the December issue! If you felt good about the November issue, you're going to love the December QST!

Net Summaries

John Wittmann (WK8X) reports that the following members checked into the 19:00 Zulu net on Sunday, 10/16: WB4ZMK; W4/G4JKE; W9BVD; WA0CFQ; K3RGB; WK8X; and WB5MEI with N5MVI in the shack. The Sunday evening 75m net had 7 check-ins: WK8X; N2CJM; KK3K; K3RGB; AF2K; WA0CFQ; and N8KBF. Conditions were not as good as last Sunday, but they should continue to improve as the season progresses. AF2K was using a new Icom IC-751A and a new dipole. N8KBF expects to have a new rig by next week. Sunday, October 23rd was a busy day for LARC members on the HF bands. According to Howard (W9BVD), the Florida 40 meter net kicked off the day with seven check-ins: W9BVD; N2CJM; AF2K; WK8X; KI4ZN; W4/G4JKE and KD6ZZ. The 19:00 Zulu 20 meter net had 10 check-ins: WA0CFQ; W9BVD; W4/G4JKE; AF2K; WK8X; K4UW; WB4ZMK; W8UJR; KK3K and KE3OK/5. The 75m Sunday evening net attracted 6 check-ins: WK8X; WA0CFQ; KI4ZN; KK3K; AF2K and N8KBF. Long skip conditions were apparent.

Finger Lakes Chapter News

(Courtesy AF2K)

Summary of Activity for SEPTEMBER: Finger Lakes Chapter/LARC convened for breakfast and business meeting Sunday morning, Sept. 18th. Eight persons present, including two potential new members, to which Chapter Chairman Jim (N2IMS) extended a warm welcome. Brief discussion regarding new slate of Officers for National LARC. Dave (KE2GE) and Jim (N2IMS) reported on last month's visit to Antique Wire-less Museum. Curator (W2ICE) provided a most informative and enjoyable 3-hour tour of the facility. Special Chapter activity for October will be attending Rochester Theater Organ Society concert on the 14th. Regular monthly dinner and meeting will take place the

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following Friday, October 21st. New Field Day site possibilities for 1995 will be investigated by Irv (AF2K) and also Ruthie (AA2IO). Listing of Chapter members' Internet addresses was distributed by AF2K. This has also been posted for General LARC distribution on Internet. Ruthie (AA2IO) announced she will be establishing a new Packet BBS at her QTH very shortly which can provide convenient e-mailing for Chapter messaging. A dedicated phone line will eventually be in place. System will be handled via University of Rochester. Thanks to Doc (N2IKR) for pointing out the field day score for the Finger Lakes Chapter that was reported in the November, QST on page 125, col. 5 near the bottom of the page.

Congratulations are in order to all who contributed to the effort. Yes, it's great to see "LAMBDA ARC, Finger Lakes Chapter" listed in QST!

Can You Use That Old Satellite TV (TVRO) Dish?

Here's a recent discussion about TVRO dishes that occurred via LARC e-mail. David (VP2EHF) wrote: "The local radio club is being offered a used satellite TV dish, with nothing on it to receive TV, but I thought it might work for OSCAR. Any ideas?" Jim (KK3K) responded: "Well, if the dish is circular, it could well serve as a Mode S (2.4 GHz) downlink antenna with the addition of a home brew helical feed. You didn't say whether it's a solid circular dish or a parabolic grid reflector (sort of like a curved barbecue grill — oblong, not round). Either can be used, but the feed type required will vary). Here are a few considerations that apply to circular dish antennas: First, the size of the dish. A 24" circular dish is ideal. Much bigger than that and there's too much windload and it would be too difficult to mount and aim (remember, you have to point it at the satellite). Much smaller than 20" and there would not be enough gain for OSCAR-13. However, the next BIRD (Phase IIID) is supposed to be much more powerful than OSCAR-13 so smaller dishes will probably be fine for it. Second, the dish design and specs. The F/D ratio of the dish, (focal length divided by the diameter) will give you some idea of how well the dish will work with a simple homebrew helical feed. It should be between .4 and .6. TVRO dishes (like the one I'm using) MAY be more concave than is desirable ideally which will result in a lower F/D ratio (mine has an F/D ratio of .375). Dishes with lower F/D ratios have more compressed or focused beamwidths, they're "sharper" and thus will be more touchy about being pointed exactly at the satellite. The focal length is determined by dividing the diameter(squared) by 16 times the depth ($F = d^2/16D$). To

determine the depth, lay a straightedge across the dish and measure the distance between the straightedge and the bottom of the dish at it's deepest point (the center). The focal point is the point at which you mount the feed. An ideal 24" dish would have a depth of 3" (pretty flat, saucer-like). This would result in its having a focal length of 12" and an F/D ratio of .5. Third, the feed. A homebrew helix dish feed for 2.4 GHz is EASY to make. Wrap several turns of common 14 AWG bare copper wire around a length of 1-1/2" OD pipe then take the coil and stretch it so that the distance between the turns is about 1-1/4". (There are formulas for all of this which you need not worry about because it doesn't have to be all that precise). Note: you want right hand circular polarization (trust me!) so wrap the helix left-hand thread...since the helix will face the dish and not the satellite, this will yield right hand circular polarization! Then cut the helix so that you have three complete turns. Solder one end to the center pin of a chassis mount female "N" connector which has been mounted thru the center of a round piece of scrap aluminum about 4" in diameter (the reflector). Solder a 1/4" wide strip of thin copper to the bottom of the first 1/4 turn of the helix (nearest the connector) as a matching network. Then, mount the feed/reflector with the helix pointing at the dish so that the center of the helix is at the focal point of the dish. You're all set! Lastly, connect a preamp/downconverter like the SSB Electronics UEK 2000 that we used on our DXpedition to the completed and mounted dish and use your 2 meter receiver to receive the Mode S, 2.4 GHz signal which has now been converted to 2 meters."

Jim (AF9A) also commented: "Read your mail about someone possibly donating a TVRO dish to your club, etc... Jim (KK3K) had good comments, if you determine you do want to try Mode S OSCAR, I have the article detailing the helix feed which I can send you. To me, the most difficult problem would be finding, or making, a suitable mount for that dish. I don't think you mentioned how large it was, but we'll assume it must be 6 to 10 ft. in diameter. To receive OSCAR, you need to be able to aim the dish 360 degrees in azimuth as well as near 0 to 90 degrees elevation. Most TVRO dishes have some kind of polar mount which doesn't help you much for OSCAR. The beam width of a 10 ft. dish at 4 GHz is pretty narrow, in the order of one degree. Of course at 2 GHz it would be wider, maybe 2 to 3 degrees, but even at that, it would require a very good tracking mechanism to be able to follow the satellite closely enough. I'm still not satisfied with the mount for the 4 ft. dish I'm working on, so I guess my advice would be, it's probably not worth the effort for OSCAR."

It's Time To Do Our Part

By Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI, Long Beach, CA), Editor, Lambda Net News

To be honest, I never thought I'd see the day, but I am pleased that I have. Our differences with the ARRL have been resolved amicably. Now, we'll work to do our part in helping the League with the monumental tasks it faces, like protecting frequency allocations, fighting antenna restrictions and supporting ham-positive legislation. If you haven't, now's the time to become a member of the ARRL. Your membership gets you QST and helps to ensure LARC's status as an ARRL Affiliated Club. Join today!

But, other ham organizations need our support. AMSAT is working hard to get Phase 3D up on-schedule and on-budget. It's not easy. The technical problems to be solved would fill a Manhattan phone book. Many dedicated amateurs work and slave to make it happen so we can sit back in our homes and talk to other amateurs around the world. Even with donated materials and cooperative effort among ham organizations around the world, it still costs millions to build, test, and get a satellite into orbit so we can use it. Imagine buying a battery that can last 10-12 years for \$100,000 — at discount! The best thing you can do is become a member of AMSAT. To join, send \$30 to AMSAT, 850 Sligo Avenue, Silver Spring,

MD 20910. Another way you can support AMSAT is to be satellite radio-active. By using the frequencies, we help make a case for the ARRL in its fight to preserve frequency allocations, like LARC's DXpedition earlier this year to VP2E, where we were the first known DXpedition to use OSCAR Mode S. That resulted in an excellent article about us and our DXpedition. And it wasn't overlooked by the FCC either. Others need to follow our lead — it makes a difference.

Certainly, you should support your local chapter of LARC or other radio club. They need your talent, too. Get involved in a public service activity, like the North Coast Chapter or LARC/Golden Gate. Be there when they need you.

LARC's new management team will need your support to implement new and innovative programs to help build our club in an ever-changing ham world. There's advertising, getting more people licensed and building visibility internationally. It's a nearly thankless job, believe me. Their work is cut out for them for the next two years and Bob (KA8UHL) and his team deserve our support. Let's do it!

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Lambda Net Schedules

EUROPEAN SCHEDULE

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| SSB | Sunday | 1300 UTC | All Year | | 7.050 MHz |
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TRANS-ATLANTIC SCHEDULE

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| SSB | Sunday | 1500 UTC | All Year | NOVICES! | 21.425 MHz |
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U.S.A. NATIONAL SCHEDULES

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| FM | | National LARC Simplex Frequency | | | 145.800 MHz |
| SSB | Sunday | 1900 UTC | All Year | | 14.325 MHz |
| SSB | Sunday | 1930 UTC | All Year | | 21.425 MHz |
| SSB | Sunday | 2000 UTC | All Year | Primary | 18.135 MHz |
| | | | | Alternate | 28.425 MHz |

EASTERN U.S.A. SCHEDULES

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|-----|----------|------|----------------------------|-----------|
| SSB | Sunday | 0945 | Local Eastern Time (FL/SE) | 7.280 MHz |
| SSB | Sunday | 2145 | Local Eastern Time (NE) | 3.860 MHz |
| SSB | Thursday | 1830 | Local Eastern Time (EST) | 3.860 MHz |
| | | | Local Eastern Time (EDT) | 7.235 MHz |

CENTRAL U.S.A. SCHEDULE

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| SSB | Wednesday | 2030 | Local Central Time | 3.860 MHz |
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OSCAR-13 MODE B

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| SSB | | Check 145.890 downlink | | |
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LARC vs. ARRL SETTLED!

The Lambda Amateur Radio Club and The American Radio Relay League, Inc. issued a joint distribution statement announcing the settlement of LARC's discrimination complaint which was filed with the State of Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CCHRO) in March, 1992. The complaint alleged illegal discrimination based on sexual orientation on the part of the ARRL for refusing to publish LARC's classified advertising between 1985 and 1991. After the CCHRO issued a "Reasonable Cause" finding earlier this year after investigating LARC's complaint, agreement on a proposed settlement was reached via a conciliation meeting between representatives of the two organizations. The finalized agreement was later signed and filed with the CCHRO. Subsequently, LARC withdrew its discrimination complaint.

The ARRL has agreed to publish LARC's classified ad in the "Ham Ads" section of QST each month. The first six months that the ad runs will be at ARRL expense, LARC will pay for the ad after that. The ARRL will run four 1/8 page block ads for LARC in QST at no charge to LARC. As part of the settlement the ARRL has agreed to publish a non-discriminatory statement relevant to advertising in the ham ads section of QST each month. The ARRL agrees to treat LARC like any other ham club and accept all reasonably worded advertising from LARC. The ARRL acknowledges that importance of LARC being identified in print as primarily a gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered amateur radio club. Attorney's fees in connection with LARC's claim are to be paid by the ARRL. Also as a part of the settlement LARC has agreed to consider formal affiliation with the ARRL. The settlement is legally binding on both parties.

LARC Bi-Annual Election Underway

This month's issue of the Lambda Net News includes a ballot to be used to record LARC members' votes for the new slate of LARC officers for the 1995-6 term, and on the proposed revision of the LARC Constitution & By-Laws. The current officers urge you to take a moment now to complete the ballot and mail it to Bill (K9AT) and Larry (WB9LOZ) who have once again volunteered to tabulate the results of the election. NOTE: DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF COMPLETED BALLOTS IS NOVEMBER 15, 1994. This is an important election. Please take a moment now to vote and mail your ballot.

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The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) and the Lambda Amateur Radio Club (LARC) are pleased to announce a cooperative resolution of LARC's discrimination complaint filed before the State of Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CCHRO) in March 1992.

In September of 1985, LARC submitted a classified advertisement for publication in the "Club/Hamfests" section of QST which read:

"Lambda Net" club for gay hams with members nationwide and Canada. On-air skeds and newsletter. For info write Jim, KK3K, POB 24810, Phila. PA 19130

The advertisement was published in the November, 1985 issue of QST, but was refused in subsequent issues thereafter. LARC resubmitted the advertisement in 1987, 1989, and 1991; QST refused it each time. LARC's complaint asserted that the sexual orientation of LARC's members was the reason for the refusal to publish the advertisement and that QST's refusal to publish the advertisement constituted discrimination based on sexual orientation. ARRL disputes the allegations in the complaint.

In October of 1991, a Connecticut law prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation took effect. Connecticut General Statutes S. 46a-81d states: "... It shall be a discriminatory practice in violation of this section: (1) To deny any person within the jurisdiction of this state full and equal accommodations in any place of public accommodation . . . because of such person's sexual orientation." ARRL disputes the application of Connecticut General Statutes S. 46a-81d to its monthly journal, QST, and it disputes the jurisdiction of the CCHRO over the rights of the publisher under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

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President's Key

by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

President, LARC

This issue of the Lambda Net News contains the news that we've all been looking forward to seeing for a long, long time. The normalization of relations between our club and the ARRL is extremely gratifying, not only because of the hard work on the part of the many individuals who helped make it possible, but also because of the exciting new possibilities that our new relationship with the League opens up. Let's not waste a minute of time rehashing the past. Now is the time to prepare to make the best use of the new opportunities we now have to spread the word about the club and expand our membership.

Just one thing, though. If our experiences in the world of ham radio over the past decade point to anything that we can use in our personal lives it is that we must come out of the closet, be proud of who we are, and never settle for second class treatment. I'm proud of the courageous membership of LARC whose steadfastness made real progress possible. You should feel empowered; you should feel great about LARC and great about yourself. Look at the difference we can make if we stand up and be counted, and insist on justice and fairness in the way we're treated. If every gay man, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered individual did this today, we'd vanquish those forces that are working harder and harder each day to deny us our basic human rights!

This year right-wing religious fanatics attempted to place anti-gay ballot initiatives on the ballots of ten states. They succeeded in getting them on the ballot in two. They're trying to relegate us to second class citizenship status by majority vote. People who don't know anyone who is gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgendered are a lot more likely to vote against us than people who know someone personally who is a member of a sexual minority. It's up to you to make sure that they do. Your family, your friends, your work mates, your schoolmates, your teachers, your neighbors, perfect strangers, with whom will you make a difference? de KK3K

ARRL & LARC Joint Statement

In March 1992, ARRL offered to publish LARC's advertisement. However, LARC did not resubmit the advertisement, because it wanted assurance that the advertisement would not be removed from QST again.

LARC chose instead to pursue its discrimination complaint.

In February 1994, the CCHRO found "reasonable cause for believing that a discriminatory practice had been . . . committed," and scheduled the case for a hearing. The hearing has not been held, and no evidence has been introduced, nor has any finding of fact or conclusion of law been made. Instead, ARRL and LARC met and reached a mutually acceptable solution to LARC's discrimination complaint. LARC and ARRL are pleased to report that the matter is now settled.

The ARRL and LARC are pleased to have resolved this situation in a spirit of good will and mutual respect which will allow each organization to cooperate as they concentrate their efforts on the many challenges confronting ham radio today.

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LARC VP2E DXpedition Places Third In DX Contest

The 1994 LARC VP2E DXpedition team placed third in North America, in the multi-operator/single transmitter, phone category in the 1994 ARRL International DX Contest that was held in March. See page 123 in the October, 1994 issue of QST. The LARC team scored 785,955 points and made 1735 contest QSOs using 100w (Cat. B) with the assigned call VP2EEE. The following LARC members are listed as participating operators: WA2NGX; KC3XC; KK3K; KI4ZN; WB6LYI; AF9A; AI9Q; and W9BVD. Thanks to Jim (AF9A) for compiling and submitting LARC's contest entry and congratulations to the entire team!

HF Nets Swing Into High Gear

The 19:00 Zulu LARC 20m net met on Sunday, September 19, for about 45 minutes. Propagation was fair to good with moderate to heavy QRM. Check-ins included: WA0CFQ; W4/G4JKE; KD6ZZ; WK8X; AF2K/mobile; KK3K and KG8GZ. Derek (W4/G4JKE) reported that there were 10,000 motorcyclists in Key West for some sort of rally. Irv (AF2K) checked-in from the mobile 25 miles outside of Rochester at the site of a LARC Finger Lakes Chapter outing. Sunday October 3, was a busy day for LARC nets. The 19:00 Z 20m net had nine check-ins: W9BVD; WK8X; W4/G4JKE;

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Seeking pen friends to correspond to gentle-OM, licensed since 1970. My activities have been CW, packet, and public service. I am temporarily QRT to continue education. My interests are broad, including history and library/information science. Do you enjoy inscribing curvaceous alphabetic pen strokes? Look no further ... Craig A. Hubbard, N2DLJ, 398 North Sea-Mecox Road, Southampton, NY 11968-2809.

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KD6ZZ; N2CJM; K4UW; KK3K; N7MNT and WA9LKD/m. The 75m net which convenes at 9:45 PM EDT had seven check-ins: K14ZN; WA0CFQ; WK8X; NG2P; WB6YYZ; W4/G4JKE; and WA0CFQ. It is evident that conditions on HF are improving with the onset of fall. Members are also meeting on 75 meters on Wednesday evenings. Conditions were terrific on Sunday, October 9 on almost all bands! Even 10 meters was reportedly open. The Florida net kicked off the day with three check-ins on 40 meters at 09:45 local time: W9BVD; W4/G4JKE and K14ZN. The 19:00 Zulu 20m net had nine check-ins: WA0CFQ; W4/G4JKE; KD6ZZ; AF2K; KG8DV; W9BVD; K14ZN; WB5MEI with N5MVI; and KK3K. Conditions were excellent. At 19:30, members QSYed to 15m and check-ins included W4/G4JKE; WB5MEI with N5MVI; WA0CFQ; and KK3K. Conditions were also excellent on 75m for the 21:45 EDT net.

Check-ins were: WK8X; AF2K; NG2P; WA0CFQ; KC0K; K14ZN; KK3K; WB6YYZ; and W4/G4JKE. Propagation on 75 meters is dramatically improving week to week. WK8X reports excellent DX opportunities on this band, and U.S. stations are copyable coast to coast.

Chapter News

From Bob (KA8UHL): "The North Coast Chapter will be working the Cleveland AIDS Walk for the second year on Sunday, Sept. 25th. 3000 walkers are expected, with a goal of \$260,000 for nine area agencies. All licensed members of the chapter will be helping, along with local hams from the Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association. LEARA trustees have again voted to support LARC's public service event, granting us permission to run a directed net on one of their repeaters should it become necessary. Our plan is to use the club simplex, 145.80. This is the North Coast Chapter's second public service event this year. Earlier, Doug KB8TGT organized LARC/NCC to work the Gay Pride March through downtown Cleveland on June 11th."

The Sunshine Chapter published the Second Edition of the Sunshine LARC Newsletter (Vol. 1, Issue 2) in August. The chapter will hold a "mini-meeting" in connection with the Melbourne Hamfest: "The Melbourne Hamfest is scheduled for the 10th and 11th of September. We plan to have a mini-meeting there this year on Saturday and it would be great if we could all get together. The talk-in frequency is 146.850. Also remember LARC simplex is 145.80." The "Just Gossip" column reports that "The Sunday morning net on 7.280 at 9:45 AM is alive and well and you are welcome to check in. On occasion we have had some nice openings with AF2K, WD4LJV, and others checking in. WB4ZMK has a new EXPLORER; ham gear being installed."

Summary of Activity, FINGER LAKES CHAPTER / LARC AUGUST 1994: Nine members met for brunch Sun. morning Aug. 21st. Of four members who were nominated for various National LARC Offices, only Doc, N2IKR has accepted the nomination to run for Secretary. Joe WA2NGX, Dave KE2GE and Irv AF2K all declined. Based on discussion between N2IMS and WB6LYI, it was determined the lawsuit between LARC and ARRL will be finalized in the very near future. Once the dust has settled, LARC may pursue a "household membership" arrangement with the League. An excellent group of photos taken by John (N4VXF) at FLC Field Day was circulated. Photos of our booth at the GAGV Picnic were also available. Four persons expressed an interest in amateur radio and signed up at the booth. AF2K was requested to compile FLC members' Internet addresses and distribute within the group and to National LARC. Annual Antique Wireless Association Conference will take place at the Thruway Marriott Sept. 21--24. KE2GE or N2IMS can provide timetable of events and details. Doc N2IKR confirmed that Field Day paperwork had been submitted to the League on time. Irv (AF2K) will submit a memo to WB6LYI on behalf of FLC, recommending doing away with the annual dues rebate system, to help minimize time and paperwork both at the national and local level. (courtesy AF2K)

Member Correspondence

From Ramsey (NJ5E): "Here's something to put on your calendars: Timberfell Lodge Campout '95, May 20 & 21, 1995. MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Several of us decided we should make plans for the 2nd annual Timberfell Lodge Campout now, so everyone would have time to make plans to attend. For those of you that don't know about Timberfell, it's a Gay, Clothing Optional, Camping/Lodge facility complete with heated pool, hot tub, and sauna, located in Greeneville, TN. Last year we had a nice group of bears attend with everyone having a great time. I will post more information as it becomes available."

From Philip (WD4LJV): "Well, gang, Ernest and I are off tomorrow (Saturday, 9/24) for a week in Florida. We'll be staying most of the time with Robert (KD4WOW), doing the Disney thang, Sea World, Kennedy Space Center, etc. I hope to go to Playa Linda, a nude beach -- my first one! Ernest is afraid he'll get too embarrassed, and Robert claims he's much too conservative to go, but maybe we can change that if both of us drag him along! Progress reports as warranted, and possible pictures.

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Who wants to start the bidding for pix of Robert? :) Hopefully we'll be able to get together with Tom (KI4ZN) and Dick, Jim (WB4ZMK) and Lee, and Howard (W9BVD) and Bob. See you on Sunday the 2nd!" @LNN_Body_Text = From Paulette (N9OUH): Recently I started a job at the University of Wisconsin, which allows me access to the Internet. (Paulette's e-mail address is: plquick@facstaff.wisc.edu).

From Hal (KQ4LO): Greetings from Winston-Salem. Everyone (especially Kari & Don) update your records, please, with the current internet & packet info. for the Winston-Salem delegation:

Hal Garrison — Internet: kq4lo@rbdc.rbdc.com, Packet: kq4lo@kq4lo.#int.nc.usa.na

Chris Pearce — Internet: cpearce@isnet.is.wfu.edu, Packet: kc4wya@kc4wya.nc.usa.na

Slowly but surely, our packet network is taking shape with local LAN access on 145.71 & 145.09; 1200 baud backbone on 446.5; and 9600 baud backbone on 147.48. Right now we're working on extending our reaches into the eastern and deep western parts of the state. Now, if we just don't get kicked off Sauratown Mountain where our main node stack is located! Also, yours truly hath join-ed the ranks of repeater owners. I recently purchased 444.725 (pl 107.2) here in Winston-Salem. It's currently operating out of the house and might stay here if I can get enough elevation to cover Forsyth County and the border areas of the adjoining counties. If not, I'm going to petition my dear old employer (Sara Lee Corporation) for space on their 400' microwave tower across the street from my office. That's about it for ham news around here. Other than that, it's work for me and work/school for Chris (KC4WYA). 73! Hal.

A Dialogue On PRB-1 And Tower Restrictions

(Source: rec.radio.amateur.policy USENET newsgroup on the Internet, reproduced here with the permission of the authors, Jim Laughlan (N2ETE) & Clark Savage Turner (WA3JPG).)

Jim Laughlan (N2ETE) recently posted the following message to the rec.radio.amateur.policy internet newsgroup: "On Monday September 12, the town board of Lewiston, N.Y., a small town north of Niagara Falls, passed a tower limitation law stating that any attached, or freestanding tower erected may not exceed 35 feet in height and is limited to one tower per acre. But hams are given the privilege of having two towers every 20,000 square feet. Several hams including Jim Laughlan (N2ETE) (yours truly), Brandy Scufari (WB2DNQ), and Don Burrows (KO2J), who is Communications officer for the Niagara County R.A.C.E.S., attended the public hearing and stated to the board the existence of FCC document PRB-1 which gives amateur radio stations a complete and total exemption from any tower law. They also stated that the ruling has been successfully defended in both state and federal courts. The response from Councilman Michael Curtis was 'ask us for an amendment, don't sue us.' Town attorney Edward Jeand said that PRB-1 needed to be looked at closer to see if he could recommend the amendment. The board also stated that there was no intention to restrict hams at all but that there needed to be a law on the books to protect the town after a recent 3 year battle with a local radio station WTOR which at first proposed to the town to place 3 AM radio towers along Langdon Road in the Town of Lewiston. There was a long battle only to have it settled in New York State Supreme Court in favor of the radio station, which plans to run 5000 watts directed into Canada after the Canadian D.O.C. denied him a license. As of this time, Attorney for the town Edward Jesella is reviewing PRB-1 to see if any changes could be necessary."

Clark Savage Turner (WA3JPG), who is a practicing attorney and an ARRL volunteer counsel posted the following to the newsgroup in response to Laughlan's post: "THIS IS NOT CORRECT! PRB-1 DOES NOT EXEMPT HAMS FROM LOCAL TOWER REGULATIONS. Please read

it. It purposely explains that local authorities have LOTS of leeway in regulating towers of amateurs, subject only to 'reasonable' needs to communicate. There are Federal cases that interpret this to be pretty tiny towers, and some cases even worse. Please read Wayne Overbeck's article in the June, 1994 issue of CQ. There is even a court decision that seems to state that a city can DENY a tower permit of ANY KIND to an amateur, and that this is consistent with PRB-1. Some other courts have seen things more reasonably, but be aware that PRB-1 is not some strong Federal law that is going to guarantee you a tower. Not so. Speak with an attorney about it, please. If we, as hams, wander around quoting the law incorrectly we can do ourselves a lot of harm in the long run. We need to be realistic. If you are completely denied a tower, or if you have a lot of money and time, I welcome your challenge to the local authorities, but based on more realistic views of the law. In New York there may be some Federal cases that support the spirit of PRB-1 better, but you really need to check on this very carefully, then plan out your response with some good legal background."

Ham Growth

(Source: Amateur Radio Newslines)

Technician class license holders outnumber General or any other by almost two to one. According to figures appearing in the September 15th issue of the W5YI Report newsletter, there are now 235,484 Technician class hams as compared to only 79,950 a decade ago. That's an increase of 194.5 percent over the past ten years with most of it probably coming in the two years since the FCC created the code-free Technician Class ticket. Following behind the Technician class are the General with 124,589 today up from 116,804 ten years ago. That's a meager 6 point 7 percent growth rate. The Advanced class shows somewhat better figures. There were 97,804 Advanced class hams in 1984. There are 111,587 now, an increase of close to 15%. And the Extra class has grown by a goodly margin. There are now 65,942 Extra class hams. In 1984 there were only 35,624. That's a decade of growth approaching 85%. And least we forget the much maligned Novice Class ticket. A license that has shown very little in the way of growth since the Technician went to No-Code testing. In 1984 there were 80,461 holders of Novice class entry level licenses. Today the Novice sits at 93,797 although most of those coming into the hobby through the Novice class did so before codeless licensing came into being. None-the-less, a gain of close to 17% is more than reasonable over the ten years surveyed. If nothing else it says that the Novice class is far from the dead entity many predicted it would become. But there is a bottom line to these figures and what it says is very simple to understand. A decade ago most amateurs held General class or higher licenses. Today it is the No-Code Technician that is attracting the masses as both the point of entry to the service and a place to stay throughout ones life-long ham radio career.

China Oscar News

(Source: Amateur Radio Newslines)

The Tingshua University Amateur Radio Club in Beijing, China started its long-awaited OSCAR-13 Mode B operation on Tuesday August 23rd signing onto the bird as BY1QH. The satellite ground station consists of a Yaesu FT-726R tribander, a Cushcraft AOP-1 system, a Kenpro KR-400RC azimuth and KR-500 elevation rotors, a Tokyo Hy-Power HL-120U 70cm amplifier, and a GaAsFET 2m preamp. Uplink power is currently around 25 watts. The low power is due to a defective 70-cm power amplifier and a replacement for it as well as a broken Yaesu MH-1 mobile microphone are sought. Anyone who can help is asked to contact Rick, BZ1QL.

IMPORTANT SURVEY !

If you didn't send in your survey from last month's LNN, please do it now.

The following survey is essential to our planning effort that will follow the resolution to our past differences with the ARRL.

Therefore, it is urgent that you check the appropriate boxes and return this entire page as soon as possible to:

LARC Survey, P.O. Box 24810, Philadelphia, PA 19130

YES NO

☐ ☐ Are you **NOW** a member of the ARRL?

☐ ☐ When our differences with the ARRL have been resolved, do you favor LARC becoming an ARRL Affiliated Club?

☐ ☐ If offered, would you take advantage of any group discounts for membership in the ARRL and the subscription to QST?

Do you favor LARC running ads in the following ham publications?

☐ ☐ 73 Amateur Radio Today

☐ ☐ Worldradio

☐ ☐ Other: _____

DX in the Tropics: VP2E Hamcation

UPDATE! Caribbean Island Apartment for Hamcation Rental in Anguilla, BWI

Location: The apartment is located above Little Harbour on the side of South Hill. It is in the lower part of a private home (Dave and Dorothea's). The apartment has its own porch, two captain's beds, a desk operating position for ham radio, a kitchenette with mini-fridge, stove, sink, microwave, full bathroom with shower and closets. There are ceiling fans, built-in bookcase with books, a clock radio, dishes, and cooking/eating utensils. Maid service is provided.

Rates: The rates are US\$90 per day plus 8% government tax (total US\$97.20 per day) for up to two people.

Deposit: 25% of total bill. If you cancel at least 30-days prior to your scheduled visit, we will refund your deposit in full.

Payment: Cash or check. We are unable to accept credit cards.

Rental Cars: We can arrange for you. Cost is US\$35 per day, depending on season. The car rental agency takes credit cards and needs to see your U.S. driving license when you pick up the car. They will give you a temporary Anguillian driver's license, which costs US\$6. Driving is on the left side, but it is not difficult to get used to as there is not much traffic in Anguilla.

Getting Here: The easiest way is through San Juan, Puerto Rico. American Airlines runs American Eagle service from San Juan direct to Anguilla and takes about 55 minutes. There are two flights a day, one in

the morning and the other at night. Flights leaving Anguilla are in the morning and in the afternoon.

Ham License: A VP2E license costs US\$39.06 at this time for a stroke callsign (VP2E/yourcall). A regular VP2E callsign costs double, but only needs to be held by one in a group. We can arrange it or take you to the license office so you can do it yourself. There is only one license class here, which gives all emission and frequency privileges. License fees are scheduled to rise in January 1995 to US\$46.50 (cash payment) or US\$48.36 paid by cheque).

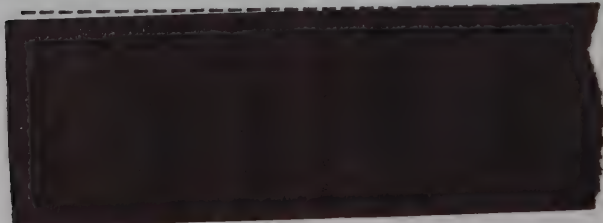
Equipment: Bring your own rig or rent one from us. The ham position is equipped with an RM35A Astron 35 amp power supply with meters and a banana-jack power strip. We supply an antenna tuner, dummy load, antenna switches, ICE bandpass filters on all bands, a 2-meter voice and packet radio, and a packet TNC. Antennas include: Mosley Pro54 (10, 12, 15, 17, & 20 meters) yagi, Cushcraft CD40 (2 element, 40 meter) yagi, Optimized 4-element 6 meter yagi, Cushcraft R7 vertical (10-40 meters), and an 80-160 meter Windom wire antenna. Electrical supply is 120-volts AC, 60 Hz. The rental rig is an Icom IC-735 with optional CW filters and CW keyer and rents for \$25 per day.

Contact: A complete packet of information including photos is available from LARC members Dorothea (VP2EE) or Dave (VP2EHF) Mann, P.O. Box 599, Anguilla, British West Indies. Phone: (809)

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Net Newsbits

by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

Eight Candidates To Appear On LARC Ballot

Eight LARC members, including one woman, have accepted nominations for LARC elected office and their names will appear on the LARC election ballot which will be included with the next (October) issue of the Lambda Net News. The ballot will list the following candidates for LARC elected office: for President: Robert Laycock (KA8UHL) who is running unopposed; for Vice President: Nick Altenbernd (KA1MQX), Paul Hulse (KK6JD), Donna M. Skelcy (N8PSH), and John Wittmann (WK8X); for Secretary: "Doc" Kinne (N2IKR), Steve Godwin (KD6ZZ) and Art Johnson (AA7UT). The LARC Treasurer is not elected, rather, he or she is appointed by the President of LARC. Thirty LARC members were nominated for office in all.

LARC members Larry (WB9LOZ) and Bill (K9AT) have again volunteered to serve as the LARC Election Committee and tabulate election ballots. In addition to the names of candidates for LARC office, the ballot will also contain a question on the adoption of the revised LARC Constitution & By-Laws which was completed during the past year.

Statements submitted by the candidates who are running for office appear in this month's issue of the Lambda Net News.

Member Correspondence

From Don (WB6LYN):
"I thought you'd all like to know that LARC member Norm Gray (KF7IK) is having a ceremony with his lover, Scott, on October 8 here in Los Angeles to celebrate their life commitments to each other. I'll be attending, but thought you'd all like to share in the celebration. You might drop him a congratulations card."

From JBEAR (KE4OHV): "Well.....the Alabama LARC chapter seems to be losing half it's membership :(After being unemployed for 2 months



Candidate's Statements

Statements of candidates for LARC club elected office follow herewith and are listed in order of callsign district.

PRESIDENT

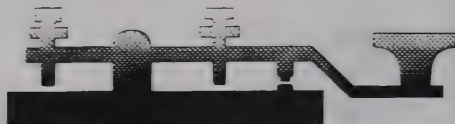
Robert C. Laycock (KA8UHL): "Well, first off, I challenge my opponent to a debate. Hi, hi! I think most of us would agree that the Lambda Amateur Radio Club is a terrific organization. I know LARC has increased my enjoyment of ham radio more than I can say. When I joined LARC back in 1985 we were a small club with a plain mimeographed newsletter. An old 1986 roster I have lists just one call outside the U.S. — a single Canadian member. Today we're an international club with members in eight countries. We've made amateur radio history with our OSCAR-13 Mode S DXpedition to Anguilla. We have one of the best club newsletters I've ever seen, we're linked daily by an Internet roundtable, and we operate over a dozen weekly on-air skeds. I suspect we have the most fun of any of the 35,000 hams at Dayton — and I know the restaurant waiters don't soon forget us! I'm asked now to fill the shoes of the President who brought us all this way. I only hope I can do half as well. My platform in this election is fun, friendship and growth. That's what I believe LARC is about. Circumstances not of our choosing forced us to take a serious turn in our dispute with the ARRL. I'm proud that we stood up to the League's flagrant bigotry, and I'm pleased that time and a little legal pressure have opened their eyes. As we move from being adversaries to friends, I believe we should join the League as an Affiliated Club once our settlement is sealed. Hopefully similar situations will not arise again and we can get on with simply enjoying our hobby and the friendships that grow through it. I would like to see LARC continue and expand its advertising campaign, both in the ham and gay press, as finances permit. I'm also excited by the suggestion to operate a LARC booth at Dayton. Within the club, I'd like to enhance the role of the Lambda Net News. I'd like to add a column profiling LARC members and carry more news about local chapter activities. Most of all, I'd like your ideas and participation, and pledge to listen and respond to member needs."

VICE PRESIDENT

Nick Altenbernd (KA1MQX): "I've been a member of LARC for over a dozen years, sometimes more actively on the air than others. Dayton has always been one of the highlights of my year — it signals the start of spring and a new season of real living! I'm looking forward to normalization of our relations with the ARRL that our current officers fought for so gallantly — and won! — and would feel honored to help lead LARC into the next phase of our club's existence — whatever that might be."

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President's Key

by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)
President, LARC

This month's and next month's issue of the Lambda Net news are very important indeed. This month you will read profiles of the candidates for LARC club office and next month you will be electing a new LARC President, Vice President and Secretary, as well as voting on the LARC Constitution and By-Laws revision that is the product of many months of hard work during the past year. All elections are important, but this election is particularly important because we are at a crossroads. LARC is on the verge of a whole new era, one with limitless opportunities for the prosperity and growth of our club. As you read the candidate's statements I know you'll be as impressed as I was with the enthusiasm and the new ideas of all of our excellent candidates. The decision to elect just three of these fine individuals will be a tough one, so I hope you'll carefully consider the choices before voting next month.

On behalf of the LARC Executive Committee, which worked hard on the revision of our Constitution and By-Laws, I urge you to vote YES next month on adoption. This will insure that our new LARC officers will be armed with a strong club framework for the future. Our new club Constitution and By-Laws will help LARC grow, prosper, and meet the challenges we face in ham radio. de KK3K

Net Newsbits

this Bear is moving to Peoria, IL to work for a contractor to Caterpillar :) Now, If I can only convince netcom to put dial up lines in Peoria!"

From Ed (WA3NGD): Ed and Thurman attended "The Gathering" in Pennsylvania, the big annual get-together of the "GNI" (Gay Nudists International). Ed was planning to operate his HF station portable from the site.

From Harry (N2CJM): Harry was also planning to attend the Gathering, and stopped in to see Jim (KK3K) and Dan at their vacation cottage in the Fire Island Pines before traveling to Pennsylvania for the GNI event.

From Jim (KK3K): Jim & Dan spent the month of August in the Pines on Fire Island. Jim took his portable OSCAR 13 satellite station with him and operated from Fire Island. He also took his notebook computer and got online from the Pines after arranging for a touch-tone line and a long-distance discount package at the cottage.

From Lu (KA4EPS): "Hi all, Well Keefe and I are now moved in and settled into our new home in Deerfield Beach, Florida. Sorry, we are not going to be able to meet at the mini-meet with you guys at the Melbourne, FL hamfest, because we are going to Key West that week for our vacation."

From Nick (KA1MQX): "I made an Official Visit to a gallery owner in Provincetown Monday, and she's going to show some of my photographs! Finally, I may begin to see some money back on all those expenses for lenses and developer. I'm supposed to take out 6 large landscapes - 4 b+w on infrared film and 2 color - framed and ready to hang. I'll look like a Herb Ritts photo gone wrong with a huge "Light Impressions" shipping box hanging from each arm, sweat pouring from my brow, as I stagger off the wharf onto Commercial Street. Also playing a little noontime concert on Oct 4. Doing Chausson: Quelques Danses and the Debussy Etudes. After that, it should be a dull fall, and

"Priscilla" Packs 'Em In

In case you've been away on a desert island in recent months, you may not have heard that the hottest ticket in town (at least in Los Angeles) is "The Adventures of Priscilla: Queen of the Desert."

This is a wonderfully funny, and sometimes poignant, story of three rather zany fellows who make their living donning outrageous drag and performing in the most unlikely of locales ... the Australian outback. A phenomenal cast headed by Terence Stamp as Bernadette/Ralph and more than ably assisted by Hugo Weaving as Felicia and heart-throb Guy Pearce as Mitzi. They not only carry it off, they make you want more.

You think you've seen outrageous drag? Just wait! There's a thong gown that isn't to be believed and their rendition of "Shake Your Groove Thing" will leave you howling.

In it's opening week in Los Angeles, "Priscilla" was the number one box office attraction, and there's already considerable speculation that there's OSCAR nominations in store. As it goes here in L.A. ... "Finally, a comedy that will change the way you think, feel and the way you dress!"

Of course, they wouldn't have had so much trouble if they had packed their ham radios along!

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Membership Roster

Membership rosters are published several times each year and will be inserted into an issue of the LAMBDA NET NEWS. This summarized roster lists basic member information. If you'd like to receive a highly detailed, in-depth listing of each member, just send a 9" x 12" self-addressed envelope with \$1.90 postage affixed and a custom printed roster will be on its way to you. This way, you can have an updated roster as often as you'd like and LARC will not be sending rosters to anyone who doesn't want one.

Mail your request TODAY to:
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LARC Chapter Directory

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City of Brotherly Love (COBL) Chapter

Contact: Jim Kelly (KK3K)
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Serves Phila. metro area including S. Jersey, N. Delaware, and Maryland.
Meetings every 6-8 weeks. No dues.
Note: Chapter presently inactive.

Finger Lakes Chapter — 1993

Contact: Jim Miller (N2IMS)
80 Campfire Rd. North
Henrietta, NY 14467
(716) 359-3337

Serves western and central NY state.
Meetings 3rd Friday each month for dinner and meeting. Dues are \$5 per year.
Chapter outings to local attractions.

Gateway (GLARC) Chapter — 1993

Contact: Bob Hamilton (WA0S)
2301 Park Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63104-2541
(314) 773-4056

Serves midwest. Meetings 1st Thursday of each month. Call for location.

Hollywood Chapter — 1993

Contact: Rick Fearn (K6VE), President
P.O. Box 65643
Los Angeles, CA 90065
(213) 256-6556

Serves southern California. Meetings are quarterly on weekends on announced schedule. Dues. Note: Field trips and outings are often scheduled.

Sunshine (SLARC) Chapter — 1994

Contact: Tom Hendrix (K14ZN)
02406 Lake Ella Road
Fruitland Park, FL 34731

Serves Florida. Meetings are held at hamfest locations throughout the state during the year and as required.

Personal Stuff

I would like to correspond with any LARC members who are or were nightclub D.J.s or who collect modern dance music. Write or call — Robert Baker, WA2IEK, 262 40th Street, Irvington, NJ 07111-1149, (201) 374-9631

Would like to meet ham (or aspiring ham) for friendship and possible relationship. Dale A. Clark, WA2CFQ, Box 668, Wellsville, KS 66092, (913) 883-4090 (Leave message on machine if I'm out.)

I would like to share my home and expense with a compatible ham. LeRoy D. Lawhorn, W4VW, Lambda #1095, 357 Hillandale Rd., Apt. 238, Greenville, SC 29609-2310, (803) 233-3527

Seeking pen friends to correspond to gentle-OM, licensed since 1970. My activities have been CW, packet, and public service. I am temporarily QRT to continue education. My interests are broad, including history and library/information science. Do you enjoy inscribing curvaceous alphabetic pen strokes? Look no further ... Craig A. Hubbard, N2DLJ, 398 North Sea-Mecox Road, Southampton, NY 11968-2809.

Candidate's Statements

Paul B. Hulse (KK6JD): "I've been a member of LARC for four years. During this time I edited the Hollywood Chapter newsletter for a year and a half. I also was a LARC membership secretary for the Western U.S. for a year and a half. My first amateur license was issued in 1964: WN6LGZ. I would welcome the opportunity to help the LARC President increase the membership of the club; increase the number of local chapters, and help other hams see that gay and lesbian hams are people just like themselves. I would like to see more emphasis on HF SSB and digital operation, as well as digital VHF/UHF modes. I'd also like to see local LARC chapters become involved with the local lesbian and gay communities to provide radio support in case of emergencies. How many AIDS hospices do you think had local straight ham clubs help them during hurricane Andrew or the Northridge earthquake? This is a natural area for LARC. Additionally, there are local community charities such as bike-a-thons, AIDS walks, and other events where a LARC chapter might be of assistance. This won't happen overnight, but some ideas and strategies might be developed for implementation by local chapters. One word of warning: Because of my job it is unlikely I can come to Dayton. The best I might be able to do is to fly in Saturday afternoon and fly out Sunday afternoon if I don't have to work that Saturday. You are forewarned!"

Donna M. Skelcy (N8PSH): "I am a 'Tech Plus' amateur radio operator who has been a member of LARC for nearly three years. I enthusiastically support LARC and would like to become more involved in the organization. By way of background, I am a lawyer who is very well organized. I believe that this would permit me to handle the position of vice president effectively. I would also hope that having a woman on the board would encourage more lesbians to become more involved in amateur radio as well as in the club."

John W. Wittmann (WK8X): "John was licensed from 1962 to 1988 as WA8CTC. An officer in the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Assn. where he heads the VE team, John worked to put the 1st 2 meter repeater in West Michigan on the air in 1969, using his callsign WA8PUD. He served nearly two years in the Philippines as a U.S. Navy Radioman during the Vietnam War, returning to Michigan Bell Telephone Co. He was with the Grand Rapids police Department for over 11 years, serving as Chief Radio Technician. He's now self-employed providing commercial two-way repeater service to businesses, and selling "beepers" on his own system. He and Dwight, who celebrated 20 years together in August, also opened and operated a

4 star-rated restaurant in Grand Rapids for a number of years. John's other interests include antique cars, and the continuing restoration of their 135 year old home in the Heritage Hill Historic District ('Homo Heights'), of which he is a former President. Lastly, John is on the board of LAGPAN, the Lesbian and Gay Political Action Network, which seeks out and promotes gay-friendly politicians, and was successful in getting a city gender orientation ordinance passed in May on the second try. John joined LARC in 1993, and has enjoyed meeting numerous members. He organized the Amateur exam session sponsored by LARC at Dayton this year. He feels that with over 600,000 hams in the U.S. alone, LARC needs to aggressively promote ourselves within the amateur community, to gain more licensed members, and to assist others in getting their ticket."

SECRETARY

"Doc" Kinne (N2IKR): "The position of Secretary to an organization such as LARC is a pivotal one. I believe that I am qualified for this type of executive position. Hopefully you'll agree and give me your vote. I was the first elected Secretary for the Fingerlakes Chapter of LARC a few years ago. I'm currently involved in Union negotiations regarding the State Employee Domestic Partnership Agreement Governor Cuomo recently announced. Presently I am the Faculty Advisor for the Morrisville College Gay & Lesbian Association and am active on several of the College's committees to offer a Gay perspective to their policies. This office gives me experience in the wide ranges of needs and views in the Gay community. I've particularly gained an increased sensitivity to the complexity of the issue of coming out. While I hold the personal view that coming out is best I am able to understand and sympathize that people may not always see it as possible in their circumstances and to respect that view. From an Amateur Radio viewpoint I hold a Official Relay Station appointment and am Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Madison County, NY. I received the LARC Operating Achievement Award in 1992. My station is active on 80 through 2 meters on voice and digital modes. It also monitors satellites. I also bring organizational experience gained as Records Officer for USS Accord where I am responsible for the constantly changing personal records of over 100 people. In this day and age, and with the geographic separation of its Executive Committee, much of LARC's business is done via the Internet. I am fully connected and versed with this network being its "guru" for Morrisville College. I am also very comfortable doing club business over it since this is, in fact, exactly how we have done it

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for USS Accord for the last two years since I was made Records Officer. Finally its a fact that periodic change in leadership brings new blood and new ideas into an organizations policies that can be invaluable. I believe I have ideas and enthusiasm in abundance for this position and would enjoy a chance to try them out. I'll appreciate your support and your vote as we all work to bring a larger, more effective, and vibrant LARC towards the next century! de N2IKR"

Steve Godwin (KD6ZZ): "I will do whatever I can to assist LAMBDA in its ongoing efforts to become an internationally recognized and accepted amateur radio club. Licensed since 1958, License class — Extra. VE Certified: ARRL, W5YI, Sandarc, CAVEC. LARC member since 1987. B.S.(Engineering), Auburn University, Registered Professional Engineer."

Art Johnson (AA7UT): "I have been in the hobby about 2-1/2 years and enjoy it a great deal. I have time and interest to fulfill the duties of Secretary as I understand them. I have 20 years experience in my profession of educational and public administration and believe I could do a creditable job for LARC. My ham hobbies are mostly HF work, I have made WAS and DXCC an am happily pursuing new countries; have about 175 in the bag so far. No experience as yet with packet, satellite nor digital modes, other than CW which I enjoy very much. Other interests include amateur astronomy, gardening, racquetball, and photography. I am a pretty serious amateur musician — actually, professionally trained and educated. I am organist-choirmaster at a local Episcopal church and give recitals from time to time and teach organ/piano lessons and even tune pianos."

LARC Lending Library

Don't forget ... donate those license study materials you no longer need to the LARC Lending Library so we can help newcomers get their first ticket or one of our other members to upgrade.

Send your donation to:

Art Anderson, N0YWV
425 E. Willamette #24
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Novice Schedule Anyone?

I would like to CW QSO with any interested LARC member in the Novice 40 meter or 15 meter bands, or even start in informal Novice/Technician Net for the Western/Central area. I'm currently restricted to CW Novice QRP operation (which is pretty fun, actually). Also, are there any other QRP hounds out there?

Art Anderson, KB0JQP, 425 E. Williamette #24, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. 719- 520-1485

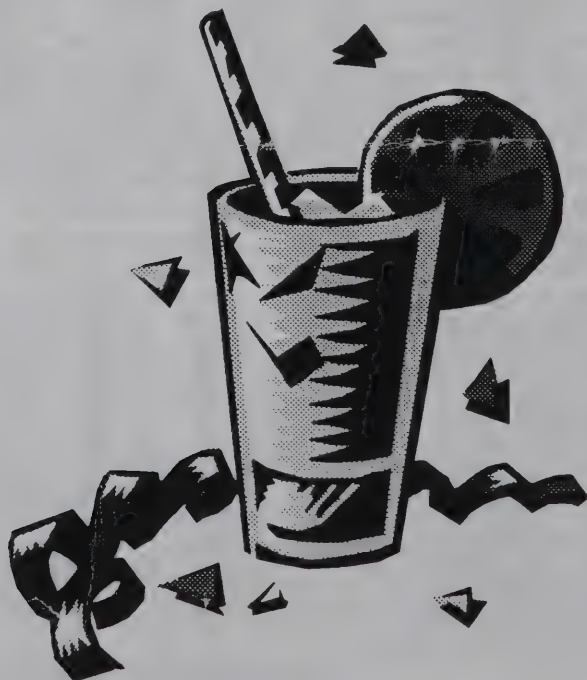
LARC's 1995 DXpedition Set

by Don (WB6LYI - LARC DXpedition Coordinator)

Have you ever thought of spending a carefree, relaxing week in the warm, tropical sun and clear waters of the Caribbean? NOW YOU CAN! Join LARC's 1995 DXpedition to Tortola, British Virgin Islands next year. From July 1-8, 1995, we'll be having the time of our lives in Little Apple Bay on the northwest shore of beautiful, mountainous Tortola. Our accommodations include cabins 400-500 feet high on a ridge overlooking the beautiful Caribbean Sea or an apartment literally on the beach. As in the past, we're making it easy by making all of the travel arrangements for

you, except for airfares, which we're also looking into. Air travel is particularly easy as American Airlines/American Eagle flies directly to Tortola's Beef Island Airport with nine flights daily from San Juan, Puerto Rico. Got frequent flier miles on American? Here's the perfect chance to use them! The cost? Accommodations, jeep rentals (including fuel), and food for eating in for the week (including appropriate stocks of "beverages" to help in keeping cool and relaxed ... rum punch made with Mount Gay Rum, anyone?) are estimated to be \$400 per person, plus airfare. I'll let those interested know how the negotiations for group airfares are shaping up. You should allow about \$20-25 per person for dining out. Past experience indicates that we'd likely want to eat out 2-3 times during the week. Additional expenses would include any special activities you'd do like snorkeling or scuba diving, plus any souvenirs, etc. **MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW!** We've made it really simple and easy to save for the trip ... just pay \$40 per month for the next 10 months and the week is paid for in advance. Your first check of \$40 secures your position. We've set-up a special savings account to accumulate everyone's installments, and we'll pay for the accommodations for you. What could be easier? SO ... Get started now! Send your first \$40 PER PERSON reservation check payable to: Don Bledsoe, P.O. Box 91299, Long Beach, CA 90809. Here's the payment schedule for LARC's VACATION CLUB:

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|-----------|------|------|-------|--|----------------------------|
| September | 1994 | \$40 | \$ 40 | | It's important that you're |
| October | 1994 | \$40 | \$ 80 | | not late getting your |
| November | 1994 | \$40 | \$120 | | installments mailed in so |
| December | 1994 | \$40 | \$160 | | our obligations with our |
| January | 1995 | \$40 | \$200 | | Caribbean contacts can be |
| February | 1995 | \$40 | \$240 | | kept. Please maintain |
| March | 1995 | \$40 | \$280 | | your schedule ... it'll be |
| April | 1995 | \$40 | \$320 | | easy -- and your vacation |
| May | 1995 | \$40 | \$360 | | and DXpedition will be |
| June | 1995 | \$40 | \$400 | | waiting for YOU! |



IMPORTANT SURVEY !

If you didn't send in your survey from last month's LNN, please do it now.

The following survey is essential to our planning effort that will follow the resolution to our past differences with the ARRL.

Therefore, it is urgent that you check the appropriate boxes and return this entire page as soon as possible to:

LARC Survey, P.O. Box 24810, Philadelphia, PA 19130

YES NO

☐☐

Are you **NOW** a member of the ARRL?

☐☐

When our differences with the ARRL have been resolved, do you favor LARC becoming an ARRL Affiliated Club?

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If offered, would you take advantage of any group discounts for membership in the ARRL and the subscription to QST?

Do you favor LARC running ads in the following ham publications?

☐☐

73 Amateur Radio Today

☐☐

Worldradio

☐☐

Other: _____

DX in the Tropics: VP2E Hamcation

Caribbean Island Apartment for Hamcation Rental in Anguilla, British West Indies

Location: The apartment is located above Little Harbour on the side of South Hill. It is in the lower part of a private home. The apartment has its own porch, two captain's beds, a desk operating position for ham radio operators, a kitchenette (mini-fridge, stove, and sink), full bathroom with shower, and closet space. There are ceiling fans, built-in bookcase with books, a clock radio/cassette player, dishes, and cooking/eating utensils. Maid service is provided.

Rates: The rates are US\$80 per day plus 8% government tax (total US\$86.40 per day) for up to two people.

Deposit: 25% of total bill. If you cancel at least 30-days prior to your scheduled visit, we will refund your deposit in full.

Payment: Cash or check. We are unable to accept credit cards.

Rental Cars: We can arrange for you. Cost is US\$27-35 per day, depending on the time of year. The car rental agency takes credit cards and needs to see your U.S. driver's license when you pick up the car. You will receive a temporary Anguillian driver's license, which costs US\$6. Driving is on the left, but it is not difficult to get used to as there is not much traffic in Anguilla.

Getting Here: The easiest way is through San Juan, Puerto Rico. American Airlines run American Eagle service from San Juan direct to Anguilla and takes about 55 minutes. There are two flights a day, one in

the morning and the other at night. Flights leaving Anguilla are in the morning and in the afternoon.

Ham License: A VP2E license costs US\$39 for a stroke call (VP2E/your call). A regular VP2E call sign costs double, but can frequently be arranged. We can take you to the licensing authority to get your license.

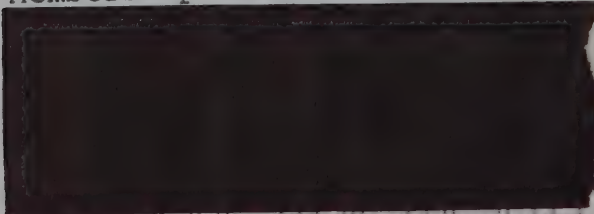
Equipment: Bring your own rig or rent one from us. The ham position is equipped with a 25 or 50-amp Astron power supply (your choice), 12-volt power strip, antenna tuner, dummy load, antenna switch, a 2-meter voice and packet rig, packet TNC, 4-element tribander (10, 15, and 20 meters), R7 vertical (10, 12, 15, 17, 20, 30, 40 meters), Cushcraft 2-element 40-meter beam and an 80-meter sloper. Electrical supply is 120-volts AC, 60 Hz. Special arrangements can be made for moonbounce for 6- or 2-meter DXers. A 6-element six meter beam and an 18-element two meter beam are available by special arrangement. Also, a rental laptop computer with contest and logging software may be rented for US\$15 per day. So, just bring your own HF rig and favorite CW key. If you want to travel light, we can rent you an ICOM 735 with keyer and narrow CW filter at US\$20 per day.

Contact: LARC members Dave (VP2EHF) or Dorothea (VP2EE) Mann, P.O. Box 599, The Valley, Anguilla, British West Indies. Phone & FAX: (809) 497-2150 (FAX picks up after 8 rings.)

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Net Newsbits

by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

LARC Elections Update

A number of nominated candidates for LARC elected office (President, Vice-President and Secretary) have accepted their nominations and their names will appear on the election ballot to be distributed with the October issue of the Lambda Net News. The September issue of the LNN will contain candidate's statements from those who have submitted same for publication. In addition to the elections, a single ballot question on the adoption of the revised LARC Constitution and By-Laws will appear on the ballot. A copy of the revision was included with a recent issue of the LNN.

LARC v. ARRL Settlement Announcement Expected Soon

A joint press release from LARC and the ARRL announcing the resolution of LARC's discrimination complaint against the ARRL is expected soon. Attorneys and principals of the two parties are working on the press release and on the document which will spell out the terms of the agreement which has been worked out between the parties. LARC will withdraw its complaint when the final version of the agreement is worked out and signed.

To the Editor of QST From KK3K

LARC President Jim (KK3K) sent the following letter to QST editor Mark Wilson (AA2Z) after the publication of an article on LARC's 1994 DXpedition to Anguilla in the July issue of the League's flagship journal:

"June 28, 1994

Dear Mark,

My copy of the July issue of QST arrived (finally) and I was amazed at how nice our DXpedition article looked. The photographs turned out great. In particular, I was amazed at

what you were able to do in terms of lightening the group shot. Many of our members have expressed their delight with the article. Reaction that I have seen from the ham public has also been positive. Thank you for your interest in our DXpedition article and for your positive attitude toward LARC. Please also thank Brian Battles and all QST staffers for their hard work on the article. We're very, very pleased with the result. 73,

Jim Kelly, KK3K, President. LARC."

Mark Wilson (AA2Z) sent the following e-mail to Jim (KK3K):

Hi Jim:

Your mail reminded me to prompt our newsstand consultant for the name of a Philly newsstand that carries QST ... Apparently this information is hard to come by because they deal through wholesalers, and the wholesalers deal with the individual retailers. In the meantime, you might scout out drug stores or book stores that carry CQ or 73 or Popular Communications. I found QST in a pharmacy near my apartment. So far, mail has been light on the article and it's been out for almost a month. I've seen only three letters. One was supportive, and one was really bizarre (I couldn't tell if he was supporting or criticizing). The third was critical of us for running the article from a gay group, but he admitted to the "interesting radio aspects of the article." We must have done something right ... I'm QRV for any other good ham radio stories, and particularly good ham radio photos. 73,

Mark Wilson, AA2Z."

Correction on Lending Library Notice

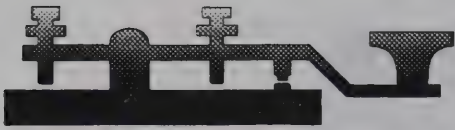
LARC members who wish to donate study materials to the LARC lending library and those

wishing to arrange for loans should contact LARC Lending Librarian Art (N0YWV) directly, and not the club POB or hotline, as was incorrectly suggested in last month's newsletter. Art has all of the current materials and is prepared to accept donations directly from members and arrange for loans. The library currently contains a number of code tapes and textbooks. Art has catalogued the library, eliminated out of date materials, and has prepared a wish list for the library. Members who wish to donate materials to the library or make loans can contact Art at 425 E. Willamette #24, Colorado Springs, CO 80903.

Member Correspondence

From John (AA2DY): Congratulations on the great DXpedition article in QST! It was a happy surprise to see that (it arrived before the Lambda Net News). It was a great-looking layout and well-written article ... I will sign up for the LARC (electronic) mailing list ... I got a PC back in February and have really enjoyed learning about it ... I have spent a lot of time playing and reading. I have been using Delphi for several months now and am generally satisfied. I would rather have an Internet-only access service with unlimited hours for a flat monthly fee ... some friends of mine in larger cities have that kind of service, but none is available here. For now, Delphi is OK at \$23/month for 20 hours of use, but during the day on weekdays there's a \$9/hr Tymnet surcharge so I have to pretty much limit my usage to nights/weekends, which isn't ideal for me since I work overnight. I work as a meteorologist, and being in touch with the meteorological community on the Internet has really been stimulating. My 40 meter DXCC arrived today, the IC-765 that I bought from K2JOZ is still working very well. I just got back

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President's Key

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)
President, LARC

Fire Island Pines, NY...Well here we are in our favorite gay and lesbian resort, Fire Island. Dan and I and our two animal companions (Nikko the cat and Frida the dog) loaded ourselves and TWENTY bags of luggage, food, and assorted goodies onto the ferry a week ago and now we're enjoying the wonderful atmosphere and beautiful weather here. I brought my laptop computer and my complete DXpedition-tested satellite station so that I can operate portable on OSCAR 13 and stay in touch with my friends on the satellite and chase DX until we return home after Labor Day. It's probably the first-ever satellite station operation from Fire Island! I also brought a portable telephone modem so that I can retrieve my e-mail. I had to order a touch-tone line, but now I'm on-line and can get my messages. It was hard work packing and carrying all of this ham and computer gear over here to the Island, but that's all part of hamming!

Mark Wilson (AA2Z), the editor of QST, is looking for more ham radio-related articles and pictures from us. This is a good opportunity for LARC members and especially LARC chapters to get published in QST. If you or your chapter is involved in something unusual or noteworthy, such as a public service event, etc., be sure to take plenty of photographs and send them to Mark at QST.

The most popular bookstore in Philadelphia, Border's Book Shop Cafe, does not yet carry QST in addition to CQ, 73 Amateur Radio Today, etc., however, Tower Books (owned by Tower Records) here in Philadelphia had a whole stack of July '94 QST copies nicely displayed and easy to find. The newsstand price is \$4.95 plus tax (7% here in Phila.). The main difference I could spot is of course the newsstand cover which lists a series of "teasers" about some of the articles, features, and reviews contained in the issue. There is a large turquoise square behind the "Q" in QST, and there is a reproduction of the League diamond next to the "Q". Also, the words "AMATEUR RADIO" in the phrase "devoted entirely to amateur radio" are much larger on the newsstand copy. And, there's a bar code on the front cover. Inside the contents seem the same. The ARRL membership pullout application is yellow rather than white, but I didn't notice any other changes.

QST looks good on the newsstand. Congratulations to the ARRL for the nice looking premier newsstand issue. I'm glad LARC could be a part of this effort to expand the appeal of ham radio to the general public!

Well, it's time for Dan, Frida and I to do our morning jog through the Pines and on the beach, so happy summertime to all! de KK3K

Net Newsbits

from Vermont today, where I split the weekend between Field Day with the Central Vermont ARC and the Ben and Jerry's One World One Heart Festival, where I heard lots of good music and saw lots of cool people. Best wishes, John Kent/AA2DY (jokent@delphi.com).

From Dave (VP2EHF) and Dorothea (VP2EE): Hi There! We just received a xerox copy of the July (QST) Article and needless to say were really impressed. It was very well written, and sure did a good job of publicity for LARC. We are waiting for our July QST, it should arrive sometime in September and we will take it over to the Minister of Tourism office and make some copies for all the government people. I had already told them that your DXpedition was being featured in QST and showed a couple of the government folks what a QST looked like. As you may know, most Anguillans are not too interested in sexual preferences, although they do have some interesting terms of reference for gay people. Anyway, when they asked what LARC meant I said "Lambda Amateur Radio Club, which is a large organization of hams who are gay". There wasn't even a blink of the eye except to say, "Well, how soon are they coming back?", this from the Permanent Secretary to the Chief Minister (Chief Minister here is the same as Prime Minister). We sure appreciate you putting the information in the article about our apartment and for sure continue to appreciate the information paragraph in the newsletter ... Also, if anyone wants a "Hurricane Season 1994" T-Shirt from the (Anguilla ARC) club, they are \$15 and come in colors, various sizes and two styles, one with the regular arms and one with the little straps over the shoulders so you can look in through the arm holes and so forth. \$6 per shirt benefits our local ham club ... Greetings to Don (WB6LYI), and thanks for note that you are working on a project which will portray gay people in non-stereotypical circumstances. We'll be interested to see how "Hollywood" gets around to treating the gay subject ("gayness"?). The first thing that tends to piss us off is that gays always seem to be portrayed as mincing drag queens, or if not mincing, somehow with peculiar traits that immediately let the viewers know that "they aren't *normal* people". Examples are the guy that plays in Designing Women and the gal that was the Security Chief aboard *Enterprize* in early episodes of Star Trek: The Next Generation (she got zapped pretty soon and was written out). It seems that to have a character who is gay, they must

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Membership rosters are published several times each year and will be inserted into an issue of the LAMBDA NET NEWS. This summarized roster lists basic member information. If you'd like to receive a highly detailed, in-depth listing of each member, just send a 9" x 12" self-addressed envelope with \$1.90 postage affixed and a custom printed roster will be on its way to you. This way, you can have an updated roster as often as you'd like and LARC will not be sending rosters to anyone who doesn't want one.

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LARC Chapter Directory

Updated 8/10/94

City of Brotherly Love (COBL) Chapter

Contact: Jim Kelly (KK3K)
P.O. Box 24810
Philadelphia, PA 19130
(215) 978-LARC

Serves Phila. metro area including S. Jersey, N. Delaware, and Maryland. Meetings every 6-8 weeks. No dues. Note: Chapter presently inactive.

Finger Lakes Chapter — 1993

Contact: Dave Minchella (KE2GE)
80 Campfire Rd. North
Henrietta, NY 14467
(716) 359-3337

Serves western and central NY state. Meetings 3rd Friday each month for dinner and meeting. Dues are \$5 per year. Chapter outings to local attractions.

Gateway (GLARC) Chapter — 1993

Contact: Bob Hamilton (WA0S)
2301 Park Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63104-2541
(314) 773-4056

Serves midwest. Meetings 1st Thursday of each month. Call for location.

Hollywood Chapter — 1993

Contact: Rick Fearn (K6VE), President
P.O. Box 65643
Los Angeles, CA 90065
(213) 256-6556

Serves southern California. Meetings are quarterly on weekends on announced schedule. Dues. Note: Field trips and outings are often scheduled.

Sunshine (SLARC) Chapter — 1994

Contact: Tom Hendrix (K14ZN)
02406 Lake Ella Road
Fruitland Park, FL 34731

Serves Florida. Meetings are held at hamfest locations throughout the state during the year and as required.

Personal Stuff

I would like to correspond with any LARC members who are or were nightclub D.J.s or who collect modern dance music. Write or call — Robert Baker, WA2IEK, 262 40th Street, Irvington, NJ 07111-1149, (201) 374-9631

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Seeking pen friends to correspond to gentle-OM, licensed since 1970. My activities have been CW, packet, and public service. I am temporarily QRT to continue education. My interests are broad, including history and library/information science. Do you enjoy inscribing curvaceous alphabetic pen strokes? Look no further ... Craig A. Hubbard, N2DLJ, 398 North Sea-Mecox Road, Southampton, NY 11968-2809.

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somehow over-emphasize some kind of "gay stereotype." Now you know that the number of gay people we've had close contact with socially is pretty limited, the LARC guys who come to Anguilla for DX and men and women who we knew in the US Army who were still in the closet but who trusted us to let us know their particular orientation. Sure, there are "some variations" to the theme, and for sure the variations are sometimes noticeable by straights, but not always, and ... who really cares anyway??? An interesting aside to all of this illustrates what I mean: Remember when you and Jim came down to Anguilla for the first (1992) DXpedition? (How could you forget that trip). Anyway, do you know how I was eventually advised you and Jim were gay? It wasn't anything you said, did, acted, appeared to be, but after you had given me you QSL card, I asked Dorothea what the Pink Triangle on the card meant, and the light bulb went on over my head *click*. So that's what I mean in describing my thoughts on how to portray gay people in the movies and TV. Maybe the audience has to watch for a little while until the light bulb comes on *click*, and Joe and Jane Six-pack will say, "Gee, that's interesting ... (burrppp, hey honey grab another brewski will'ya, ...). So we have a very strong suspicion that gays could be portrayed as a whole variety of society, just like society on the whole is comprised of every size, color, personality, etc. Somewhere along the line gay people have got to be shown as regular people who just happen to have preferences for a life style that is different, but still part of American Society. Maybe we're "not" expressing this exactly according to the latest Politically Correct methodology, but, why can't we just see gay men and women treated on-screen as regular productive members of society (which they are). Also, and very important, is the ABSOLUTE NEED to provide segments of programs to issues that deal with present and future problems: treatment of AIDS, discrimination in the workplace, housing, law enforcement worlds. Other issues: Closet Gays who persecute gays who are in the open; outing; police and gang persecution of those who meet via the tea-room, gay bar, and gay areas on beaches and parks the lack of law enforcement against gay bashers. Anyway, these are just some of the ideas that come to mind, Don, and you've probably already thought of them, anyway. Good luck and hope that all goes well. Please hurry back down here to Anguilla. 73's and 88's from Dave, Dorothea and Willie the Electric Cat.

From AF9A: Hi All, It must take us Hoosiers three or four weeks to get all the way through a QST magazine. In the last week or two, I've received several comments on the article. Comments were ... "saw your article," "you're a

celebrity now," "next time stand in the front row," "sounds like you had a great time, I wish I could do that," etc. So far, nothing negative at this QTH ... In case you didn't notice, on page 12 of August '94 QST, there is a picture of Larry (N4VA). 161, Jim, AF9A.

From K4UW: "LARC member N4VA and former member K3ATI have also been mentioned in recent QST magazines: K3ATI is mentioned on page 18 of the July 94 issue in "League Lines." N4VA's picture appears on page 12 of August's QST. Larry's picture has also appeared in several recent CQ and World Radio magazines. Dick's (K3AKK) ashes were recently buried with colors at Arlington Cemetery. Joe plans to continue living in the house by himself. 73, Duane, K4UW"

From LeRoy (W4VIW): I have a new bbs address. My new address is KD4BSL.#PICKENS.SC.USA.NA. My old BBS was N3BAF. 73, LeRoy, W4VIW."

From Brian (N8VTA): Greetings all, My partner Doug, who passed his No-Code in April, finally got his ticket, 14 weeks and one day later. He is now KB8TGT. He had to wait yet another week before he could key up his Kenwood HT — the license arrived on Monday of a week he was spending as a camp counselor in central Ohio. We've already got both tickets side by side in little matching frames, and have applied for "Amateur Radio" callsign tags for our cars — only \$5.00 more than regular ones in Ohio. (Note to Ohioans: If your callsign tags are deteriorating, the state will "remanufacture" them if you request it at sticker time, or if you buy a new car. They send you a really odd-looking 30-day tag, and you send your tags in for exchange.) Doug also applied for the free full membership that LEARA (our repeater club) gives to members' family if they are also hams. From all indications at the club picnic last night, there should be no problem. (At the picnic one of the members had a ham radio — a Hormel can with inputs for ANT, BAT, KEY, and GROUND. To these were connected an insect, a winged mammal, a brass piece for unlocking a door, and a small bag of earth.) We are also going to apply to the ARRL for their family membership for \$4.00 (I am currently a member). But we will wait for the final resolution of the discrimination case. Summer's nice and warm: turn off the computer, go outside and enjoy it! 161, Brian (N8VTA).

From Bob (NG2P): John (WK8X) and myself are going to try out 3860 on Monday night at 9:30 Eastern 01:30Z plus or minus the QRM. Anyone wishing to join us please feel free. For about the 3rd or 4th week in a row had some problems with spacing on other Sunday night nets. Also might try out same freq. on Thurs. night to see what the conditions are like.

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WB6YYZ also had a suggestion that the Sunday night net might be an Advanced and above net and make the Wed net available to Generals and above, since there have been no problems then. Anyway hope you will join in and give some input. Sunday has been no fun with the sparing back and forth. Seems like probably none of the nets are getting anything accomplished. Bob, NG2P.

Finger Lakes Chapter News

Excerpts from the minutes of the June, 1994 meeting. Location: Field Day site in central Wayne County, about 20 miles east of Rochester, NY. Following dinner "in the field" served up by Blair and Warren, the meeting was called to order by Chapter President Jim (N2IMS) at 6:04 PM, Saturday, June 25, 1994. Ten members present. Minutes from the May meeting were distributed and approved as submitted. Chairman Jim expressed the members' gratitude to Warren and Blair for transporting and serving the excellent cuisine for Saturday evening Field Day dinner. Chairman Jim announced he was pleased with the great turnout of Chapter members for Field Day weekend, and also formally expressed his thanks to Joe (WA2NGX) for the use of his generator, HF rig, masting and other accessories, and to Irv (AF2K) for finalizing arrangements with our site hosts. Jim indicated he had received a telephone call from National LARC President Jim (KK3K), apologizing for the inadvertent deletion of N2IMS and AF2K from the newest LARC roster. FLC members who still have not submitted a photo of themselves in their radio room for part of the display at the GAGV picnic on July 17th were encouraged to do so ASAP. Jim circulated a postal card addressed to the group from Joe (WA2NGX) postmarked June 13th, in southern Holland where he is on a job assignment. Tina P. is expected to take her No-Code Tech exam at Batavia Hamfest on July 10th. Chapter Activities Calendar: Fri. July 15th -- Regular monthly dinner and meeting at

Dede's Restaurant at NY State Thruway Exit #45. Sat. July 16th -- Club Outing ... Classical concert at Finger Lakes Performing Arts Center near Canandaigua, NY. Sun. July 17th -- Annual Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley Picnic; FLC will have booth with sign-in sheet, banner displayed, photos, LARC brochures, etc. Sun. August 21st -- Brunch and meeting, followed by Antique Wireless Assoc. Museum tour in Bloomfield, NY. Irv AF2K circulated group photo enlargement of Dayton 1994 attendees. Motion for adjournment was made at 6:37 PM. Resumption of Field Day operating activity followed. Respectfully submitted, I.J. Goodman (AF2K) LARC / FLC Secretary.

Text Of A Speech By Armistead Maupin

The following speech was delivered by Armistead Maupin, an openly gay man who is the author of the Tales of the City series of novels, at the closing ceremonies of Gay Games IV at Yankee Stadium on June 26, 1994:

"A dozen years ago I had the singular thrill of serving as master of ceremonies at the first Gay Games in San Francisco. I remember feeling completely exhilarated that day, moved beyond words at the spectacle of so many of my own kind celebrating their true selves in the sunlight. I remember feeling something else, too: a mounting anxiety about a young friend who lay in a New York hospital suffering from an ailment that had yet to be officially named. It's altogether appropriate that the 12 year history of the Gay Games has run parallel to that of the AIDS epidemic in America. The Games, after all, were founded to recognize the dignity of personal endeavor, the quiet heroism that results from a life lived honestly. And nothing in this century -- no war, no natural disaster, certainly no athletic event -- has so fully tested the resilience of the individual as the holocaust of AIDS. Of the many myths surrounding HIV perhaps the greatest is the one that says you get

it and die. Judging from what I've seen, you get it and begin raising hell. You get it and fall in love. You get it and write symphony after symphony, play after play, book after brilliant book. You get it and start a business or plant a garden or design a building. And, yes, you get it and sign up for the Gay Games; almost one third of the athletes competing here this week have tested positive for the AIDS virus. The current flowering of gay and lesbian culture owes so much to the vision and drive of the hundreds of thousands of men, women and children who have lived with the challenge of AIDS. Their achievement is all the more magnificent when we consider that their medical diagnosis is often the very least of their troubles. These are people who have endured endless cruelty at the hands of a culture that pretends to value compassion but seldom succeeds in the practice of it. They have been failed, all too often, by the very families that brought them into the world, the very churches that purported to teach them decency and morality. For over a decade they were neglected and abused by their government and betrayed by a heartless insurance establishment. And, when they finally dared to hope again, they felt the bitter disappointment of an administration that promised them action but has so far failed to deliver. If Bill Clinton wants to learn the real essence of American valor, I doesn't need to tramp the beaches of Normandy. He needs only to look to the legions of HIV positive Americans who are still fighting the good fight and waiting for their President to discover the true meaning of leadership. So my salute today is to those people, living and dead, who have borne so valiantly the weight of this epidemic, especially those who have been open about their illness, helping to ease the pain of others. Your example has offered living witness to the world of what we have always known to be true about our tribe: that we are strong and gentle and loving, and that we will prevail. Hail to the victors."

LARC Lending Library

Don't forget ... donate those license study materials you no longer need to the LARC Lending Library so we can help newcomers get their first ticket or one of our other members to upgrade.

Send your donation to:

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425 E. Willamette #24
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LARC DXpedition to VP2V

Don't miss out! The 1995 LARC VP2V DXpedition to Tortola, British Virgin Islands for July 2 through 9, 1995 is being planned right now. Be there as history is once again made by LARC members -- and have one heck of a great time in the bargain. If you're interested, drop a note to Don (WB6LYI), so you can start receiving information. The address is listed on page 2.

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42 Hams Qualify For LARC VP2E Certificate

The Lambda Amateur Radio Club's first-time ever Mode S DXpedition to Anguilla (VP2E) in March 1994 generated some excitement, not only on Mode S, but also among certificate hunters. Last year, LARC issued 104 certificates to hams who worked all five LARC DXpedition team members during our satellite-only DXpedition to Montserrat (VP2M). This year, we added HF to our Anguilla operation and announced that we would award a certificate to each ham who worked members of our eight person team either on both HF and satellite, or on both satellite Modes B and S. HF activity included SSB and CW contacts on 80, 30, 20, 17, 15, and 10 meters. Satellite contacts were made via OSCAR 13 and RS-12. The Mode S equipment we used (in addition to a Yaesu FT-736R VHF/UHF rig) was an SSB Electronics UEK-2000 downconverter and a Model SB-32 parabolic antenna for Mode S from R. Myers Communications. The Mode S equipment worked flawlessly and the antenna/downconverter combination yielded strong signals enabling us to make a total of 37 different contacts on Mode S during four AO-13 orbits. After a careful review of our logs, we have identified 42 hams who qualified for this year's certificate. LARC will automatically mail the certificates to those who qualify. Worked LARC on HF, Satellite Mode B AND Satellite Mode S: AB9V, VE3CJE, W6TWN. Worked LARC HF and Satellite: DJ2YA, EA3RR, G3MCS, IK4MSV, K4YYL, KF8KW, KP4E, N4GAK, N4SU, N8EDQ, NI5M, TI5RLI, VE7QO, WB4MLE, WB5TDD, WD5K. Worked LARC Satellite Mode B and Satellite Mode S: AA7A, DF8YZ, DG2SBW, DJ7FJ, DL1FCU, K0RR, K0VTY, KA00OQ, KA3HPQ, KF4MX, KJ4BF, N4EL, OE3JIS, OE9DGV, OZ1KYM, VE3NPC, VE3VC, W0DQY, W1NU, W9EXR, WA0RGV, WA9BOA and WD5GQM.

LARC VP2E DXpedition Article Published in QST

An article on the LARC DXpedition to Anguilla written by Jim (KK3K) and Don (WB6LYT) was published in the July issue of QST (see pages 53 and 54). The article is a knock-out, chocked full of information and includes five glorious color photographs! Since the battle over the 13 cm band is raging right now, the article profiling LARC's high visibility use of this endangered band on our recent DXpedition comes just at the right time to back up the argument of all, including the ARRL and AMSAT, who are attempting to preserve the band for amateur use (see related article AMSAT Comments To NTIA in this issue). Of particular importance to LARC, the article marks a significant step in the normalization of relations between the ARRL and LARC. It is the first time LARC or a LARC activity has been profiled in QST and the article contains a description of the club as being composed of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered individuals and their friends, the first time since 1985 that any of these words has appeared in print in QST.

LARC Nominations Sought -- Deadline July 15

LARC will hold its bi-annual election for the club offices of president, vice-president and secretary this fall. A nominations form was included with May's newsletter. The deadline for nominations is July 15. Please send all nominations to the club at POB 24810, Philadelphia, PA 19130-2405. You can nominate yourself or any other current LARC member. You do not need to use the nominations form, simply jot down the names of those you wish to nominate for president, vice-president and

Stonewall in London

by Keith Bird (G4JED, Tonbridge, England)

Edited by

Stuart Hill (G0BEV, Newcastle, England)

London was not left out of the 25th anniversary celebrations to mark the Stonewall uprising in 1969. The annual Pride Festival rose to the occasion, and amongst our members, Keith (G4JED) was there. This is what he reports:

On Saturday the 18th of June, London saw the Gay Pride event for 1994, starting in Hyde Park where estimates of some 70,000 people assembled to take part in a march through central London, ending near to the Houses of Parliament. From this point, transport had to be taken to Brockwell Park in South London, some 3 -- 4 miles away, where the main festival was being held until late in the evening.

This year's event in Brockwell Park attracted its biggest crowd, which gets larger each year, together with a greater number of stalls selling a wide range of merchandise -- particularly welcome was the food and drink stalls on what was turning out to be a remarkably hot day for London. In the Park it was estimated that the numbers had swelled to some 160,000, which made it difficult to move around or get a close look at all the exhibits and tents.

One of the main attractions of the Festival for me was the first ever amateur radio station, set up with the special event call sign GB25GAY. As you might guess, there was some difficulty getting the licence to start with, which wasn't because of the Radio Authority [They administer licencing matters in the UK --Ed.] who back in April had cleared the callsign for issuing. No, it was within the RSGB [Radio Society of Great Britain -- the UK national organisation representing radio amateurs --Ed.]

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President's Key

by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)
President, LARC

I guess it's a sign of the maturity of our movement that we seem to spend a lot of time and energy fighting among ourselves. But there are important issues that divide us even as we face our common enemies. This was evident prior to and during the Stonewall 25 march on June 26 in New York City.

I was one of approximately 200 gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered activists, scholars, artists and writers who endorsed the Spirit of Stonewall declaration, a statement that decried "the mainstream, exclusionist focus of Stonewall 25 and its censorship of some groups and forms of expression."

Stonewall 25 organizers voted to exclude NAMBLA, and the terms "bisexual" and "transgendered" were left out of the official declarations and demands issued in connection with the march. This in spite of the fact that the original Stonewall uprising was "an outcry by those on the margins of society against puritanical self-righteousness and bigotry." Regardless of how you feel about these groups and forms of expression, the issues of censorship and inclusiveness raised should be of concern to all.

Other prominent individuals who endorsed the SOS declaration included poet laureate Allen Ginsberg, lesbian activists Gayle Rubin and Pat Califia, feminist scholar Camille Paglia, and Mattachine Society founder Harry Hay. Endorsers of SOS were all in agreement with the 1951 Mattachine Society slogan "We will integrate as a group on our own terms or we will not integrate at all."

On Sunday, June 26, I marched with Harry Hay and the Spirit of Stonewall contingent in the Stonewall 25 March. It was a glorious day in New York, and the streets truly belonged to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people who came from all over the world to march past the United Nations in support of civil and human rights for sexual minorities.

One participant who was interviewed on national television the day after the march commented "I've been to marches like this before, and I'm sure I'll attend more in the future, until we achieve equal rights that are denied us." He was right. There'll be more marches to attend for some time to come. de KK3K

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secretary and send the names to the club POB. Please take a moment to participate in this important process. All interested members are encouraged to run for office. If you wish to run for LARC office yourself, you may wish to submit a personal profile and/or candidate's statement for publication in the newsletter.

Dayton 94 LARC Photo Distributed Electronically

LARC North Coast member Ray (N8KBF) made an electronic version of this year's LARC Dayton Hamvention group photo available to LARC members who are on-line. If you'd like to receive an electronic copy of a photo of the LARC members at Dayton, drop Ray a note at larc@sata.fi (or at 73235.406@compuserve.com) and he will ship it off to you. Please specify if you'd like .GIF or .JPEG format (also available: Amiga .IFF, Windows .BMP and maybe a MAC format if needed). The file will be sent as a message through Internet e-mail and will be "uuencoded". You will need a "decoder" to convert it to a binary format on your platform. The encoded GIF file is 206K, and the JPEG file is 122K. The JPEG file is a 24-bit image and has better detail.

QST On The Stands

(Source: Amateur Radio Newsline)

Beginning this July, QST Magazine will be available on news stands nationwide. According to the League, the only difference between the news stand and member versions of QST will be the magazine's cover. The news stand version will have a significantly different look and will include teasers for the stories inside. The traditional version of QST will still be sold by radio stores and parts suppliers as well.

AMSAT Comments To NTIA

(Source: Amateur Radio Newsline)

In comments filed with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration in response to the agency's Preliminary Spectrum Reallocation Report, AMSAT-North America has asked for wider amateur and amateur-satellite service bands at 13 cm. The NTIA's Preliminary

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LARC Chapter Directory

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Philadelphia, PA 19130
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Serves Phila. metro area including S. Jersey, N. Delaware, and Maryland.
Meetings every 6-8 weeks. No dues.
Note: Chapter presently inactive.

Finger Lakes Chapter — 1993

Contact: Dave Minchella (KE2GE)
80 Campfire Rd. North
Henrietta, NY 14467
(716) 359-3337

Serves western and central NY state.
Meetings 3rd Friday each month for dinner and meeting. Dues are \$5 per year.
Chapter outings to local attractions.

Gateway (GLARC) Chapter — 1993

Contact: Bob Hamilton (WA0S)
2301 Park Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63104-2541
(314) 773-4056

Serves midwest. Meetings 1st Thursday of each month. Call for location.

Hollywood Chapter — 1993

Contact: Rick Fearn (K6VE), President
P.O. Box 65643
Los Angeles, CA 90065
(213) 256-6556

Serves southern California. Meetings are quarterly on weekends on announced schedule. Dues. Note: Field trips and outings are often scheduled.

Personal Stuff

I would like to correspond with any LARC members who are or were nightclub D.J.s or who collect modern dance music. Write or call —

Robert Baker, WA2IEK
262 40th Street
Irvington, NJ 07111-1149
(201) 374-9631

Would like to meet ham (or aspiring ham) for friendship and possible relationship.

Dale A. Clark, WA0CFQ
Box 668
Wellsville, KS 66092
(913) 883-4090

(Leave message on machine if I'm out.)

I would like to share my home and expense with a compatible ham.

LeRoy D. Lawhorn, W4VIW
Lambda #1095
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Report, published in February, proposed to cut U.S. amateur 13 cm allocations in half, from the present 2300-2310 and 2390-2450 Mhz to 2400-2402 and 2417-2450 Mhz. AMSAT has instead proposed a primary allocation of 2400-2410 Mhz to be shared by the amateur and amateur-satellite services, in addition to the 2417-2450 Mhz proposed by NTIA. In support of this request, AMSAT cited the likelihood of greatly increased demand for amateur satellite operations in the 13 cm band in coming years, far more than can be accommodated within 2400-2402 Mhz. It also noted the unsuitability of 2417-2450 Mhz for amateur satellite downlinks because of interference from such devices as microwave ovens and the need to coordinate amateur-satellite allocations internationally so that they are available on a global basis. AMSAT has also proposed that a narrow band of 1-2 MHz, somewhere between 2300 and 2400 MHz. This to be allocated to the amateur service to accommodate the experimental weak-signal tropo and EME work now carried out around 2304 MHz. Under NTIA's proposal, this would be displaced. The NTIA's Preliminary Spectrum Reallocation Report was prepared pursuant to Title VI of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993. The same act also requires that comments from interested parties such as AMSAT be reviewed by FCC and NTIA before any final decision is taken.

Cash Crunch At Amateur Radio Newsline

(Source: Amateur Radio Newsline)

The following is NOT for transmission over amateur radio. As you heard last week Newsline Support Fund administrator Norm Chalfin, K6PGX says that the funds needed to keep Newsline in operation are so low that Newsline's operation could be terminated at any time without notice. According to Norm, at times it costs up to \$1000 a month to pay the telecommunications and equipment supply bills. Norm says that we have to raise at least seven thousand dollars just to carry us through to the end of 1994. For those of you unaware, Newsline pays the cost of three telephones including the one used for news gathering. We also pay for several electronic news and information services, we pay for electronic mail, for raw tape stock and the cost of repairing and updating our production facilities. Right now, Newsline has virtually nothing in its separate support fund. What little there is will not even cover the bills for May. Several of the staff including our producer Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF will be contributing to make up the current shortfall, but they cannot be asked to do it month after month. It's this simple. If there is not enough interest in the ham radio community to support this service then its operation will terminate when our communications services are cut off. If you want it to continue, then please send any support that you can, as soon as you can, to the Newsline Support Fund, Post Office Box 463, Pasadena, CA 91102. Again, and as always, we thank you for your ongoing interest and support. Here is the latest on the financial crisis still facing Newsline. As you can tell, we are here once again this week, but keeping Newsline in operation is still day to day. To help cut operating expenses even further, we are instituting several policy changes that are effective immediately. If we are able to survive the current fiscal crunch, Newsline is considering going to a bi-weekly service during July and August. The summer months is the time when little or no financial subsidy is available. We feel that going bi-weekly on alternate weeks from the publication of the three national ham radio Newsletters could carry us through the doldrums of the summer months. No definite decision has been made on this. We will let you know when we do decide.

Welcome New Members

From LARC Secretary Philip (WD4IJV): New members in the past month: John Bibb aka "Jbear" -- Huntsville AL (passed his Technician at Dayton); Charlene Pitre (KC5BUB) -- New Orleans LA; and a renewing member; Courtney Craighead (WD5IYH) -- New Orleans LA (OM of Charlene, KC5BUB) (formerly listed as J.C. Craighead in previous roster listings). Also Welcome aboard to: Sam (WA6KKH) of Westwood, CA; Bill (KG7LS) of Seattle, WA; Jim (N7XQU) of Port Angeles, WA; David (WDX-3-IAP & WLS-1PA) of Philadelphia, PA; John (KG8FO) of Columbus, OH; Michael (KE4BKQ) of Blacksburg, VA; John (WA7PPF) of Everett, WA; Glenn (KE4JAW) of Memphis, TN; Ronald (K6RKW) of Los Angeles, CA; Karen (Unl) of Albuquerque, NM; Jim (N8XHH) of Grand Rapids, MI; Laurie (N0EGF) and Diana (N0EEC) of Minneapolis, MN; and welcome back to Chris (WA9WWG).

Member Correspondence

From Wayne (AI9Q): I received the LARC plaque this week. What a nice surprise. When Don (WB6LYI) called to say that I had been given an award at Dayton, I assumed (incorrectly) that it was one of those paper certificates. I have drawers full of them, however, I only have a couple of REAL awards. I am honored to be the recipient of the award which you have bestowed upon me. It will be prominently displayed in the 'shack'. It's wonderful to receive an award for something I enjoy doing. The LNN is the focal point of our club which keeps our members informed. It is my pleasure to do my

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part in getting out the news to our members. Thanks again to everyone who made this award possible.

From Hal (KQ4LO) and Chris (KC4YWA): I just got my July QST in the mail. Great article Jim & Don!! Great pics, too. As we say in this neck of the woods y'all done good!!

From Gerry (WA4MKL): Gerry called the LARC hotline to congratulate Jim & Don on the publication of the LARC Dxpediton article in QST. "One heck of a first ad for LARC," said Gerry.

From Janice (N8TYV): Morse Code kept me out of the hobby for 28 years, but I have 5 wpm now, and haven't given up yet on 20 wpm. I'm hoping the rig will help me by "reading the mail" and by doing. I saw the article in QST. Congratulations to the authors and the group! I know from working with the ACLU gay rights project that an article is but a tip of the iceberg of the work behind it. Thank you for your perseverance, and keep up the good work. It matters.

From Irv (AF2K): Irv sent in a copy of the February '94 Rochester DX Association Newsletter which carried a blurb about LARC's VP2E DXpediton on page 7.

From Bob (KA8UHL): Topsail Island, NC, May 25: David and I are enjoying our week's vacation here. We're here with two friends from Cleveland. I was reading the May issue of CQ this morning and spotted Larry Vogt (N4VA) pictured on page 154 teaching kids radio in Taipei, Taiwan. Did we mention this in Dayton & I just forgot? Nice Surprise! My HF station is back on-the-air again after a long 5-year absence! The North Coast Chapter-ettes joined me at my QTH for the grand event. I have to thank them all here for their extraordinary help. In particular, Doug Braun (still KB8??? -- poor guy!) risked life and limb climbing way high into the tree in my backyard. He got a kiss for that! Thanks also to Brian (N8VTA) who made a temporary repair to get my 2-meter base station back on the air too. The power supply broke a few weeks ago. Now I have to read the manual to recall how to work my IC-735. I've almost completely forgotten. And, I'll have to get my code speed up from it's current .75 words/minute! Several of us are talking about studying together to get up to General. Meanwhile, Janice (N8TYV) bought a new Kenwood HF station yesterday (I forget the model, but it's got lots of dials and buttons) and we're gathering at her QTH next weekend to install her antenna. I will try to make the 10-meter nets, but won't be on today. Janice and I are joining a local 2-meter club (The North Coast Amateur Radio Club) for a foxhunt. We're the fox today and she has found a really clever hiding place. Once again, a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped: Janice (N8TYV), Doug (KB8???), Brian (N8VTA) and Ray (N8KBF). I may be back on-the-air on HF as I recently wrote, but now I'm off-line electronically. After an exasperating week at work I came home to have my Mac crash! So, he's off to the doctor and I am off-line for a week, two weeks, three weeks, a month....[!!!!]. So, please be advised that I will not be receiving any e-mail directed to me until further notice. I hope it won't be too long. One final word: The QST article was OUTSTANDING! Kudos to Jim and Don for giving LARC the very best introduction back in QST we ever could have wanted.

From Duane (K4UW): Enclosed is Dick's (K3AKK) obituary from Saturday's (May 14, 1994) Washington Post. Note his membership in Lambda Amateur Radio Club. I'm working on getting my 75 meter antenna up once again. The higher frequencies won't be too dependable for the next few years. CU on the air or messages via INTERNET.

From Jim (AF9A): Jim did a super job of combining the HF and satellite logs from the LARC VP2E DXpediton. He also compiled and submitted LARC's contest entry in the ARRL International DX Contest which was held during the LARC DXpediton. Jim also sent in a copy of the May issue of the Indiana Word which carried a blurb on LARC and developments in the LARC v ARRL matter.

From Dave (VP2EHF) and Dorothea (VP2EE): 6 meter beacon, VP2EA, on 50.070 is not working and has been carried back to USA for

repair. N6CW has once again loaned his 6 meter rig and amplifier to Dave VP2EHF and Dorothea VP2EE. Dave and Terry modified Dave's 6-element Cushcraft LB into a 4-element and mounted it at 50 feet, fed with 1/2" hard-line. Modification working well: N6CW (VP2ECW) worked several during VHF contest. Dave (VP2EHF) worked Jerry, K4GMP (FM14), Bruce, K2RTH (EL95), and Rick, KD4JRX (FM04), between 1410 and 1420 UTC today, 7 June. Anyone who is hearing the Caribbean on 6 meters, may call Dave or Dorothea at 809-497-2150 or FAX to 809-497-3557, to alert them to turn on the radio.

From Joe (WA2NGX): Hello LARCers, I would like to hear from anyone with advice on what to do and see in Holland. I'll be there for about 2 months on a business trip starting around June 6th. Will be in the Southern tip of the Country, between Belgium and Germany, and am planning on having at least a few days free to visit Brussels, Amsterdam, Luxembourg, etc.... Some of my co-workers will be in England at the same time, so I may even get to visit them there. I will stay on the "larc@seta.fi" list to keep abreast of information on the QST article (I hope to get to see it before August!!) and other goings on. [For those on GENie or with access to the Internet, Joe picks up his E-mail every few days, so send him a note ... GENie: J.KAHLER1 ... Internet: j.kahler1@genie.geis.com --Ed.]

From Rob (N4YGZ): Congratulations on the acceptance of the (QST) article!!! I think that this is because we, through this entire event, maintained dignity and professionalism. We should be proud of the work that some of our LARC members did for the rest of us. I hope that we continue to carry ourselves as Hams who just happen to be gay, when we start our integration into ARRL. Congratulations again!

From Jack (KD6TTL): Well, I'm in the process of moving from San Francisco to Sacramento. I didn't see anyone listed from Sacramento in the last roster. Too bad. I have heard that someone had tried to get together a group to do first aid communications at the pride festival this year, and couldn't find enough volunteers (I heard about it only by accident, so the call couldn't have been broadcast everywhere). Maybe next year. Oh Keeper of the List, please change my packet address to kd6ttl@n0ary.#nocal.ca.us.na. That will forward to my Netcom account.

Miscellany

Bernhard (DG1EA) sent in a photocopy of page 67 of the October, 1993 issue of Funk magazine, which evidently is a German ham radio publication. Appearing on the page were various DX blurbs including on entitled "VP2M OSCAR 13 DXpediton" and a photograph of the LARC VP2M Montserrat DXpediton QSL card (which was a photograph taken of the five LARC DXpediton team members).

Dave (VP2EHF) and Dorothea (VP2EE) advise that anyone who wishes to join the Anguilla Radio Club can do so by sending \$12.50 to Len Bardfield (VP2EB), Box 269, The Valley, Anguilla -- mark it for dues.

Correction: AF2K's address is 515 Drumm Road, not 525, as was incorrectly listed in last month's newsletter.

Hams Wish LARC Well

Here are samples of the comments the LARC VP2E DXpediton team received with QSL cards:

From KC4YRT: "Another Great DXpediton!!! Hope you had a great time. 73s from Alabama! Don."

From G7HIA: "If you get the chance please convey my thanks to Don who was operating VP2EEE. I had been trying for two evenings to work them but with only 25 watts at the shack into simple antennas it was hard going. When I got through Don was very patient in getting my call even though it took several repeats. Really appreciate his good operating, especially with such a pile-up to deal with. 73, John."

Net Newbits

From DB4ES/DB0IA: "Many thanks for a new country for my DXCC on satellite. I am very happy that I meet you again...Please also give my best regards to op Don. I wish you all the best es good DX on AO-13, Yours, Fritz."

From WA1ZUB: "Thanks for another new one for me. It must have been a pleasure to get away from the winter weather of '94. Best to all & as usual, a super job! 73s, Jim."

From IK0VWH: "I'll be happy to listen for you in the future. My best 73s to you and your family! Ciao, Ventu Rino."

Chapter News

North Coast Chapter, from Bob (KA8UHL): We're having an awful lot of fun these days in the North Coast Chapter. There was a picnic at Ray's (N8KBF) QTH a few weeks back, we worked the Gay Pride Parade last weekend with great success, then yesterday here, next weekend at Janice's (N8TYV), and discussions have started with the organizers of this year's Cleveland AIDS Walk for public service. (BTW, the woman in charge of the AIDS Walk this year is a soon-to-be ham! She's straight, but I'm gonna try and recruit her.) According to Brian (N8VTA), the Chapter's plans for the Cleveland Lesbian-Gay Pride March on June 11 were as follows: It will be very simple: we will be doing a "trunk relay" between the march step-off site, the festival site, and the march itself as it travels between the two. Pride workers will have rented business-band HTs as they have in the past, but the .25-watt output of these cannot reach the length of the march. A ham operator at either end will have one of these business-band radios, and will relay traffic as needed on a simplex frequency. (145.80, of course) Hopefully, it won't rain, and the people attending a Billy Graham crusade in a nearby stadium will leave us alone. (In case they don't, off-duty Cleveland police officers working for Pride will also be on the business frequency.) This is a first for both Pride and the chapter. Last fall, we also did a similar public service for the AIDS Walk. Walk organizers have already contacted Bob (KA8UHL) for this September's Walk. My partner,

Doug, who passes his No-Code in early April, was hoping to join in this PS, but, according to the FCC (he called), there is a 14-week wait for tickets! :-)

LAMBDA ARC -- Finger Lakes Chapter -- Excerpts from Minutes of May 1994 Meeting, Location: Two M's Restaurant, Rochester NY. Following Lunch after the conclusion of Rochester Hamfest, the meeting was called to order by President Jim (N2IMS) at 2:13 PM Sunday May 22. 9 Members present. Minutes from the April meeting were approved as submitted. Old Business: Chairman Jim indicated he had notification from "Fifth Column" newspaper confirming they will provide our FLC meeting notices under the Rochester area organizations page for free, vs. display advertising. Irv (AF2K) gave a 10 minute synopsis of the entire Annual LARC Business meeting that occurred in Dayton on April 30th. Jim (N2IMS) received a letter from National LARC President Jim (KK3K) thanking FLC for our continued support and for retaining National LARC affiliation. Lisa (KB2DWB) reported on the Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley meeting she attended on May 14. Among topics discussed were club affiliation with GAGV, AIDS walk on June 5th, and annual GAGV picnic on July 17th. New Business: Field Day -- it was unanimously agreed that FLC will proceed with a Field Day operation. We will use Doc's call N2IKR. Warren and Blair will provide Saturday evening's meal as was done last year. We will probably resort to manual logging and duping. Joe (WA2NGX) will be contacted regarding transporting his generator and equipment to Rochester for storage. Irv (AF2K) will locate last years site maps, equipment lists, etc. We will do a class 2A operation plus bonus points for packet, solar power, etc. July 17th GAGV Picnic -- Jim N2IMS urged everyone to furnish current photos of their station to be included in the booth display. The LARC banner will be displayed, having been brought back from Dayton Hamvention by Irv (AF2K). A booth staffing schedule will be prepared prior to the picnic. Motion for adjournment was made at 3:07 PM. Respectfully submitted, I.J. Goodman (AF2K) -- courtesy E-mail de WA2NGX.

Stonewall in London

where the matter had been referred to the licencing committee, owing to reported hate letters and 'phone calls and some correspondence on the packet network, none of which I have seen.

The callsign was eventually granted but was too late for publications to list and didn't even get mentioned in the weekly broadcast RSGB News Bulletin, which is standard practice for special event callsigns.

The idea of setting up a station at Pride 94 was from a small group of gay amateurs in South East London who at the initial stage did not know of LARC [Despite advertising ourselves for at least five years! --Ed.] Arrangements for the station were being organised by Lawrence, who on behalf of the group had placed an advert in Capital Gay newspaper for help with the station, on the loan of equipment, and setting up & running on the day.

As planned for the event the station was set up inside a double decked bus, with equipment for Packet, HF/VHF/UHF & ATV operation. The operation was a fun event, and although the number of stations worked was small, it was a significant step from which lessons can be learned for any future operation from a Pride festival event.

A number of visitors showed an interest in the station, and it is hoped that out of this we might gain more LARC members in the UK, as well as bringing the notion of gay amateurs to the airwaves. Let's hope that for next year we can build on the start, and hope to get publicity for the event so we can work more stations and perhaps some more members of LARC.

True North

by Tom Hendrix (K14ZN, Fruitland Park, FL)

If anyone is interested in determining true North, I have downloaded from the ARRL BBS the program NShadow, which was described in the July 94 issue of QST. If anyone wants the program, send me a formatted diskette. It is simple to use, however, you must input latitude and longitude, together with you time zone.

LARC Lending Library

Don't forget ... we can always use those old license study materials. Contact the club at P.O. Box 24810, Philadelphia, PA 19130 if you have any to donate.

LARC VP2V DXpedition

Just a reminder ... if you think you might be interested in participating in the next LARC DXpedition to Tortola, British Virgin Islands in July 1995, please notify Don Bledsoe, WB6LYI, P.O. Box 91299, Long Beach, CA 90809, or by e-mail on GENIE at D.BLEDISOE or via the Internet at d.bledsoe@netcom.com

DX in the Tropics: VP2E Hamcation

Caribbean Island Apartment for Hamcation Rental in Anguilla, British West Indies

Location: The apartment is located above Little Harbour on the side of South Hill. It is in the lower part of a private home. The apartment has its own porch, two captain's beds, a desk operating position for ham radio operators, a kitchenette (mini-fridge, stove, and sink), full bathroom with shower, and closet space. There are ceiling fans, built-in bookcase with books, a clock radio/cassette player, dishes, and cooking/eating utensils. Maid service is provided.

Rates: The rates are US\$80 per day plus 8% government tax (total US\$86.40 per day) for up to two people.

Deposit: 25% of total bill. If you cancel at least 30-days prior to your scheduled visit, we will refund your deposit in full.

Payment: Cash or check. We are unable to accept credit cards.

Rental Cars: We can arrange for you. Cost is US\$27-35 per day, depending on the time of year. The car rental agency takes credit cards and needs to see your U.S. driver's license when you pick up the car. You will receive a temporary Anguillian driver's license, which costs US\$6. Driving is on the left, but it is not difficult to get used to as there is not much traffic in Anguilla.

Getting Here: The easiest way is through San Juan, Puerto Rico. American Airlines run American Eagle service from San Juan direct to Anguilla and takes about 55 minutes. There are two flights a day, one in

the morning and the other at night. Flights leaving Anguilla are in the morning and in the afternoon.

Ham License: A VP2E license costs US\$39 for a stroke call sign (VP2E/your call). A regular VP2E call sign costs double, but can frequently be arranged. We can take you to the licensing authority to get your license.

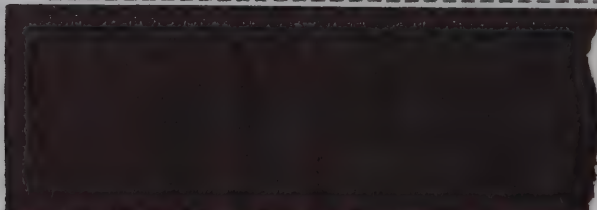
Equipment: Bring your own rig or rent one from us. The ham position is equipped with a 25 or 50-amp Astron power supply (your choice), 12-volt power strip, antenna tuner, dummy load, antenna switch, a 2-meter voice and packet rig, packet TNC, 4-element tribander (10, 15, and 20 meters), R7 vertical (10, 12, 15, 17, 20, 30, 40 meters), Cushcraft 2-element 40-meter beam and an 80-meter sloper. Electrical supply is 120-volts AC, 60 Hz. Special arrangements can be made for moonbounce for 6- or 2-meter DXers. A 6-element six meter beam and an 18-element two meter beam are available by special arrangement. Also, a rental laptop computer with contest and logging software may be rented for US\$15 per day. So, just bring your own HF rig and favorite CW key. If you want to travel light, we can rent you an ICOM 735 with keyer and narrow CW filter at US\$20 per day.

Contact: LARC members Dave (VP2EHF) or Dorothea (VP2EE) Mann, P.O. Box 599, The Valley, Anguilla, British West Indies. Phone & FAX: (809) 497-2150 (FAX picks up after 8 rings.)

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QST Set To Run Feature Article on LARC 1994 DXpedition

LARC members who are ARRL members will soon be able to read about LARC's historic 1994 DXpedition to Anguilla in the pages of QST magazine, the flagship publication of the American Radio Relay League. A feature article penned by LARC DXpedition organizer Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI) and DXpedition team member Jim Kelly (KK3K) was recently accepted for publication by Mark Wilson (AA2Z) of the ARRL, who is the editor of QST. Here is the text of Mark Wilson's acceptance letter:

"May 19, 1994, Dear Jim:

We are pleased to let you know that your article, entitled 'LARC's Historic First-Time Mode-S DXpedition' has been accepted for publication in QST. Although we can't say for certain when your article will be published, we plan to have it appear as soon as possible. Please sign and return the enclosed release form, keeping a copy for yourself (a self-addressed stamped envelope is enclosed for your convenience). Once we receive it, we will be able to begin preparing your article for publication. Thank you for your contribution to QST. I'm sure our readers will enjoy the article. 73, Mark Wilson, AA2Z, Editor, QST." The article focuses on the DXpedition, but it also contains general information about the club including the fact that LARC's members are primarily gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered individuals. It is set to run in either the July or August, 1994 issue of QST, depending on deadlines and space considerations.

LARC Nominations Sought

LARC will hold its bi-annual election for the club offices of president, vice-president and secretary this fall. A nominations form was included with last month's newsletter. The deadline for nominations is July 15. Please send all nominations to the club at POB 24810, Philadelphia, PA 19130-2405. You can nominate yourself or any other current LARC member. You do not need to use the nominations form, simply jot down the names of those you wish to nominate for president, vice-president and secretary and send the names to the club POB. Please take a moment to participate in this important process. All interested members are encouraged to run for office. If you wish to run for LARC office yourself, you may wish to submit a personal profile and/or candidate's statement for publication in the newsletter.

Dayton Group Picture Available

An 8" x 10" color enlargement of this year's LARC group photograph taken at the Dayton Hamvention is now available. Send your order to the club POB or via E-mail to jimkelly@astro.ocis.temple.edu. The cost of the enlargement is \$10.00 postpaid. Make your check or money order payable to "LARC" and mail it to the club POB. Proceeds from the sale of enlargements benefit the LARC club treasury.

Erratum

The roster published with last month's newsletter failed to list the following members who are in good standing. We apologize for the error. Please add these members to your recent roster: Irv Goodman (AF2K) #1015, 525 Drumm Road, Webster, NY 14580-1512, tel. (716) 671-4430, packet

Out in London

by James Dingwall (G4ILW, London, England)

As you know, I live in London now and it certainly has become a very Gay city with literally hundreds of bars, clubs and cafes. I think more so than Amsterdam or Berlin, but perhaps less relaxed. Bars and clubs are mainly concentrated in three areas.

In the "west end" of London, WC1/WC2 -- There is Brief Encounter, Kudos, Crews, the Box and a few others. "Kudos" and "The Box" are fairly stylish, open most of the day as cafes, although Kudos has a cruisy downstairs bar for the post-gym and pre-club set. Crews is very large, busy, loud, cruisy, and popular -- it grows on you. The have a good laser show. Brief Encounter used to be the main bar but has slipped a lot in popularity with these new ones opening up -- looks fairly squalid these days.

Not far away is Soho where there is a whole street, Old Compton Street, which is almost 100% gay bars, cafes, shops, and restaurants. There is a great atmosphere there both day and night and I can highly recommend a visit. That street begins from round the back (to the right) of the famous theatre where Les Miserables is showing. The main bars there are "Comptons" and "Village," tucked in an ally round the back and to the left (Rupert Street) of the Village is "the Yard." Quite near by is Soho Square and the "The Edge," which is another cafe-by-day and bar-by-night place. I would say that all the places round here are fairly stylish although Comptons, one of the oldest gay pubs in London, is more of traditional English pub than an up market gay bar. It's good but often full of smoke. There are some interesting shops there in the shape of American Retro and Clone Zone.

The third area is round Earls Court, where there is Bromptons and the Colherene. These bars are a bit off the path for me. Bromptons, as I remember, is a pub which becomes a club later

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President's Key

by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)
President, LARC

Doc Kinne (N2IKR) and I recently had an E-mail discussion about LARC members and chapters being openly visible and out of the closet. The discussion started when I said that I hoped that LARC chapters would be openly visible at future ham radio events especially now that relations between LARC and the ARRL are in the process of being normalized. Doc replied: "Truth be told, Jim, I think it has far less to do with the ARRL/LARC problem than it has with simply coming out to your fellow hams in the first place. I think the view goes that if the conservative people in amateur radio (in your own local club) know or figure it out then a lot of the enjoyment you have with the hobby will be gone since you may not be able to enjoyably interact with those people again. I think the only person who's made the ARRL/LARC thing an issue is Wayne Green. For everybody else the issue seems to be the classic gay coming out to the public issue."

I replied "Yes Doc, you're right, but the thing that always gets me about this is why would anyone want to interact with people who would shun them if the truth of their lives were known? It just seems like some of us are resigned to settling for fractional friendships, half-friends, or something like that, friends who are friends ONLY as long as we remain closeted."

I've built my life around friends who know the score. Granted, I'm not active in a local repeater club, but I do have a HUGE number of straight ham friends who KNOW THE SCORE and treat me like a true friend. These are the hams I know thru OSCAR-13, a small select group much like a repeater group ... maybe 75 or a hundred individuals (the ones who share my interest in DXing on the satellite)."

This issue is one which has been a primary concern of mine for the past ten or so years that I've been working to build up LARC. I decided at the beginning that LARC (at least as long as I was in a leadership role) would not be a closeted organization. I think this course was correct. I'm sure it has made more than a few members uncomfortable from time to time, but to their credit just about everyone stuck with LARC as we became more and more visible. The theory was that if LARC as a club (and at least some LARC members) were out then others could benefit from the example. And I'm sure that this has been the case.

I hope that at some point all LARC members will decide to be as open about and proud of their club and their chapters as most straight hams are of their clubs. There's no reason why we shouldn't be. And no one should be willing to settle for provisional, fractional friendships that depend upon something as ugly as forcing one to remain closeted in order to sustain them. de KK3K

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LARC Hotline Needs New Answering Machine

The LARC telephone hotline receives a steady stream of calls from individuals interested in LARC and in ham radio. The answering machine which greets callers and takes messages was donated to LARC five years ago. However, the machine is showing signs of its age and needs to be replaced. Anyone who would like to donate an answering machine for LARC club use can contact Jim (KK3K) at the club POB, on E-mail (jimkelly@astro.ocis.temple.edu), or by calling the hotline at (215) 978-6100.

LARC Members on All Electronic Services Now Linked Via Internet

Revolutionary changes continue to rock the computer world and the "information superhighway" known as the Internet. In the past year, all of the major commercial computer services including CompuServe, GEnie, Prodigy, Delphi, and America OnLine have begun offering their subscribers some measure of access to the global Internet. In some cases, the access is limited to electronic mail (E-mail) only, while other services, such as Delphi, offer full Internet access.

Formerly, access to the Internet has been limited to those who worked for government, large corporations or universities. Now, anyone with a computer and modem can gain some measure of access to the Internet via a commercial service. These recent developments have made it possible for LARC members on all of the different services to communicate with each other via E-mail. In addition, thanks to LARC member Kari (OH1BM), a mail forwarding list has been established whereby any LARC member on any of the services can send a bulletin to all other LARC members on any of the services simply by sending a message to "larc@seta.fi" via Internet. Here is Kari's

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Membership rosters are published several times each year and will be inserted into an issue of the LAMBDA NET NEWS. This summarized roster lists basic member information. If you'd like to receive a highly detailed, in-depth listing of each member, just send a 9" x 12" self-addressed envelope with \$1.90 postage affixed and a custom printed roster will be on its way to you. This way, you can have an updated roster as often as you'd like and LARC will not be sending rosters to anyone who doesn't want one.

Mail your request TODAY to:
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LARC Chapter Directory

City of Brotherly Love (COBL)

Chapter

Contact: Jim Kelly (KK3K)
P.O. Box 24810
Philadelphia, PA 19130
(215) 978-LARC

Serves Phila. metro area including S. Jersey, N. Delaware, and Maryland. Meetings every 6-8 weeks. No dues. Note: Chapter presently inactive.

Finger Lakes Chapter — 1993

Contact: Dave Minchella (KE2GE)
80 Campfire Rd. North
Henrietta, NY 14467
(716) 359-3337

Serves western and central NY state. Meetings 3rd Friday each month for dinner and meeting. Dues are \$5 per year. Chapter outings to local attractions.

Gateway (GLARC) Chapter — 1993

Contact: Bob Hamilton (WA0S)
2301 Park Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63104-2541
(314) 773-4056

Serves midwest. Meetings 1st Thursday of each month. Call for location.

Hollywood Chapter — 1993

Contact: Rick Fearn (K6VE), President
P.O. Box 65643
Los Angeles, CA 90065
(213) 256-6556

Serves southern California. Meetings are quarterly on weekends on announced schedule. Dues. Note: Field trips and outings are often scheduled.

Personal Stuff

I would like to correspond with any LARC members who are or were nightclub D.J.s or who collect modern dance music. Write or call —

Robert Baker, WA2IEK
262 40th Street
Irvington, NJ 07111-1149
(201) 374-9631

Would like to meet ham (or aspiring ham) for friendship and possible relationship.

Dale A. Clark, WA0CFQ
Box 668
Wellsville, KS 66092
(913) 883-4090

(Leave message on machine if I'm out.)

I would like to share my home and expense with a compatible ham.

LeRoy D. Lawhorn, W4VIW
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Out in London

in the evening. Colherene is a fairly famous clone leather bar.

Apart from that, there are bars in just about every part of London.

The club scene tends to be that a lot large night clubs have a gay night one or two nights a week. The music and atmosphere is great if you're into dancing, high energy, house garage, techno etc. It's all there. The Big ones are "Heaven" and "G.A.Y." both are in the west end. Together with a very late night Cruise Bar called Sub Station if you like standing around in the dark.

As a matter of fact, the night life in London is VERY late and some of the venues run to 5.00 to 6.00am. When they close, there are some early bars open to have cold tea and drinks to chill out and recover from being disco damaged.

The best advice I can give is to go into any Bar on a Thursday and pick up the Free papers "BOYZ" and "The Pink Paper." They are just put out for free in all these places and give a detailed listing for that week. Things change week by week with many special "one nighters."

Hotels are more difficult -- since I live here. When Tom, KI4ZN, stayed in London, I'm fairly sure he stayed at the Philbeach Hotel, a gay hotel in Earls Court. It's a little way out of the centre, but it is right on the main tube network so it's no problem. I think he said it was OK. As Tom is also on the INTERNET, you could ask him yourself. I'll ask around. One thing's for sure -- if you want to stay in the centre it costs a fortune.

In general you should expect prices to be about double that of the US, more so in London.

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description of the mailing list: "SETA is the Finnish Gay and Lesbian Organization working with e.g. education, legislation, social support etc. for the Finnish gay/lesbian/transgendered community (like the NGLTF in the states). That's where the Internet domain seta.fi comes from. I think we're the 1st European Internet connected organization. Setafi is a UNIX system located at SETA's headquarters in Helsinki. I am Sysadmin for seta.fi and it's sub-networks.

larc@seta.fi is a private mailing list. There is a mailing list manager program that copies and forwards incoming mail to a list of recipients on the Internet. For the time being, I am keeping the list up to date upon requests of inclusions/deletions from Don (WB6LYI) et al. The mailing list can be made automatically administered so that anybody can send a subscription or unsubscription request to it."

Electronic links are very important to LARC. In addition to our LARC mailing list, LARC club business is routinely transacted by the LARC Executive Committee on-line. Much of the contents of the Lambda Net News comes from on-line sources, such as E-mail messages from members and the excellent article on satellite gear by Walt Daniels (KE3HP) that appears in this issue courtesy of the author and the AMSAT Internet BBS where it first appeared. The text of the Lambda Net News is forwarded electronically across the country prior to its publication each month. At this time, over 40 LARC members, roughly 25% of LARC's membership, are already linked electronically, and the number continues to grow. The bottom line is that LARC members who wish to keep in touch with each other and get the latest news and information about the club, ham radio in general, and just about anything else they're interested in can now do so no matter what electronic computer service they have access to or choose to use. For those members who have not yet investigated the world of computers now is the perfect time to get started and join the growing number of LARC members who are linked on-line. A LARC E-mail address roster is available to members by request by contacting the club at the POB address or by E-mail request to Jim (KK3K) at the following internet address: jimkelly@astro.ocis.temple.edu.

GEnie Information Enclosed

Enclosed with this month's LNN is a brochure furnished by the SysOp of the Radio & Electronics Roundtable, where LARC has it's own private category. Our "CAT" is where members can leave messages for each other and generally stay in touch. Access is restricted to LARC members only and Don (WB6LYI) controls who can gain access by receiving an E-Mail message from any LARC member and issuing the command that lets you in. If you've been thinking about it, but wanted all the information, it's here for you now.

The Real Reason Why Wayne Green Was Not In Dayton This Year

(The following appeared in the W5YI report dated May 15, 1994)

Wayne Green Inc. has circulated a letter to creditors advising that he "discovered that my comptroller had apparently modelled the WGI financial system after the one Congress is using, complete with deficits and some of the more pesky items off the books. things were completely un-controlled." Green's 2NSD/1 now has an "ex-comptroller," reduced staff and has "...gotten rid

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of the money-losing CD manufacturing division that caused the trouble..." The company is now back into a profit-making situation. Green is trying to liquidate an "unbelievable amount of inventory into cash... ..Given a little time I believe we can move it out at \$.50 on the dollar and thus have enough to pay everyone off. Fortunately, good music doesn't go out of date like magazines. If we get forced into Chapter 11, everyone but the IRS and the lawyers will get screwed. I don't want that. Nor do you, so let's work together while I'm solving the problems caused by an un-comptroller." The letter was dated April 18, 1994.

Obituary -- G6HEL

LARC UK/EU coordinator Stuart (G0BEV) sent in the following: "This is a sad month for LARC here in Europe. It is with very much regret that I have to tell members of the death of Andrew (G6HEL) which occurred on Wednesday 4th May. His funeral took place at Weymouth, Dorset on Friday 13th May. Andrew was diagnosed as HIV positive some time ago, and his death was from an AIDS related illness. Though his condition was known to friends and family, it was not perhaps so widely appreciated, despite several spells of illness, even amongst LARC members. He was one of our most enthusiastic members since he joined several years ago, and his loss will be felt very deeply. Though his health was deteriorating rapidly toward the end, he remained cheerful and optimistic at all times, and was making future plans up to his last admission to the hospital. He especially asked to take over the distribution of the newsletter here in Europe, and indeed this transfer was about to take place when he died. To Peter his partner, to his family and friends, we extend our sympathy at this sad time. ANDREW PRIOR - Born 11th. June, 1952, Died 4th. May, 1994"

Gear For Starting A Satellite Station

by Walter K. Daniel, KE3HP (from the AMSAT BBS -- reprinted with the author's permission)

Here are two approaches for starting a satellite station based on my experience of the past few years. Perhaps the most important beginning point is reading The Satellite Experimenter's Handbook (TSEH) from the ARRL. Let's start first with digital satellite reception, spacecraft telemetry -- If you are mostly interested in receiving information from digital satellites, you can easily begin with DOVE (DO-17).

The gear needed for DOVE will also allow you to receive SAREX, Mir, and AO-21 transmissions. Transmitting to the Shuttle or Mir is possible if you don't mind odd hours or if you invest in a beam antenna (see You, too, can contact space! by Michael Bass (N7WLC/5) in the May/June 1993 issue of The AMSAT Journal).

The three components you need are a 2m FM transceiver, a 2m antenna, and a packet terminal node controller or TNC. I started off with an HT (Kenwood TH-27A, about \$300 new), but any decent 2m FM rig will work. Start with an omni-directional antenna such as a quarter-wave ground plane. You can build one (see TSEH for details) or buy one such as the MFJ-1740 for about \$13. My first TNC was a PacComm HandiPacket portable, but any VHF TNC such as the MFJ-1270 (about \$120) is fine. Of course, you need a computer to use with the TNC. DOVE transmits packet telemetry and messages on 145.825 Mhz. You can also receive traffic from the Mir packet mailbox on 145.55 Mhz. In recent years, the cosmonauts haven't been using voice much, but you're suitably equipped if they do. The Shuttle sometimes carries SAREX (Shuttle Amateur Radio Experiment) and can transmit packet or voice on 145.55 Mhz. In addition to its FM repeater and digital voice downlinks, AO-21 has been transmitting some packet telemetry on 145.987 Mhz recently.

Finally, you can also work terrestrial packet and 2m voice for repeaters and nets. If your long-term goal is to work the Pacsats, you can plan ahead for 9600 bps FSK operations. Some of the new FM rigs have 9600 bps modem connectors so you don't have to perform surgery on the radio. You

can buy a PacComm TNC with the 9600 bps modem installed for a bit over \$200, not too much more than the cost of a TNC. The versatile DSP boxes cost much more (over \$500), but offer capabilities to work many digital modes including 9600 bps FSK.

Now let's discuss analog (voice and CW) operation -- If you are mostly interested in speaking to or exchanging CW with other hams, try RS-10 Mode A and/or RS-12 Mode K. For more details, see my article Getting Started with RS-10 in the August 1993 QST or the article by Robert Capon (WA3ULH) Working Satellite RS-12 in the February 1994 QST. For reception of either satellite, any HF or 10m rig will work. I have a used Uniden HR-2600, but you can still buy them new for \$200. A 10m dipole antenna works well -- build your own or buy one (about \$20). To transmit to RS-10, you need a 2m rig with CW and USB modes. These rigs are not as common as FM rigs and cost a bit more. My Kenwood TR-751A cost about \$600 new. To transmit to RS-12, you need to use the 15m band. The RS-12 transponder input lies in the Advanced/Extra class sub-bands, so make sure you have the privileges before you transmit. The RS-10 CW beacon at 29.357 MHz is strong. The RS-12 CW beacon is also strong at 29.408 MHz. Operation on these satellites is full duplex (you hear yourself from the satellite), so headphones are necessary.

If you have a 2m multimode rig like I do, you can work other non-satellite modes: 10m voice or CW, 2m FM voice for nets and repeaters, 2m terrestrial packet with a TNC, and terrestrial 2m SSB or CW weak-signal operation. The addition of a 70cm antenna (\$60 for a small yagi) and a 70cm-to-10m downconverter (about \$100) will turn a Mode A station into a Mode JA station. The only satellite currently operating JA is FO-20, but Phase 3D will likely spend some time in this mode. The addition of a PSK modem (about \$200) and TNC (\$120) brings Mode JD capability for the 1200 bps Pacsats. Alternatives include the combined PacComm TNC/PSK modem (about \$270) or a DSP box.

Member Correspondence

From Art (AA7UT): Hi to fellow LARCs...I am unable to participate in the Sunday national nets because I work at that hour, so I have not met many of you (actually, not ANY of you) on the air. I would like to remedy that situation...and I am trying to get my 5BWAS, too. Therefore, if you are interested in setting up a sked for an on-air meeting, I'd love to hear from you. I need a BUNCH of states...on 20, I need DE, MT, VT, NM, OK and SC On 15 I need AL, CO, GA, ID, IN, MD, MT, NV, RI, SC, SD, AZ, NC, ND, UT, VT and WY. On 10 I need CO, DE, ID, ME, MA, MT, NJ, NM, OR, RI, SD, UT, VT, WV and WY. More important than filling in a blank on the grid, though, I would more than enjoy meeting some fellow members! So drop me a line....even if you do not have HF capabilities. Take care, all...161...Art Johnson, AA7UT from the faaaa-bulous deserts of northern Nevada!

From Ramsey (NJ5E) Attention fellow LARCs: Several of us have decided to meet at Timberfell Lodge (A clothing optional, men's outdoor retreat) for socializing and possibly a special event station for other LARCs that won't be able to make the trip. The dates for this trip are July 15 - 17 (Fri. - Sun.) and we would love for as many LARCs who would enjoy this atmosphere to be there. There's reasonably priced camping which includes swimming pool, hot tub, and sauna, and also better accommodations for those not into the camping thing. We're also considering a special QSL card for those LARC members that make contact with us while we are there. Anyone interested in the trip, or wanting more information, please contact me (Ramsey) at nj5e@netcom.com. 161s, Ramsey.

From Dave (VP2EHF) and Dorothea (VP2EE): Hi all, just received our VP2EEE QSL card for VP2EE's QSO with the gang. Thanks Tom (KI4ZN) for doing the mailing and beautiful photograph. That's one of our favorite spots, and also where Dorothea and I collect sand with fish

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scales in it to use for extra oomph on the trees and garden. The fishermen clean and scale fish right near the spot in the photograph and are very happy to give gardeners buckets of leftovers. Also, right down the beach to the right in the photo is where "Ivor the Diver" lives. He makes his living diving for Conch, and has a tremendous pile of conch shells in the yard, all with one little hole in the shell when Mister Conch started his/her/it's one-way trip to the local restaurants. Sorry, got off the subject of QSL card and photograph. Stream of consciousness thing -- part of paradise living! Thanks again for the beautiful card 73's, 88's and cul, Dorothea (VP2EE), Dave (VP2EHF) and Willie the Electric Cat.

From Paul (KK6JD): Well, Rick (K6VE) and Larry (KC6NVL) returned from the Dayton fling. They came over and surprised me with a "Plaque of Appreciation" from the folks in LARC. I must say I was VERY surprised! Philip's letter was quite generous in his comments. It was good to help getting people into LARC. I'm sorry I'm not able to give it the time it deserves now as it was fun to call prospective members and "feel them out." Anyway, THANKS all -- it was a surprise! And, the plaque looks great on the wall! 73 de Paul, KK6JD.

From Doc (N2IKR): You might like to know that during the last meeting the whole Finger Lakes LARC decided to do Field Day with a vengeance! Unfortunately Joe (WA2NGX) cannot be with us this year due to other commitments so the club came to me and asked if MY CALL could be used to represent the club! I was highly honored and immediately said

YES! Most of our club is still a bit "gun shy" about publicity. Joe mentioned that we went "incognito" to the Rochester Hamfest Dinner last weekend (but we were still probably the largest coherent group there!).

Increasingly this is becoming less and less of a problem with me. I recently had a wonderful experience in relation to the college I work for here in CNY. We had started an informal Gay & Lesbian Student Group on campus. Last March the head of Multicultural Affairs, who I worked closely with, arranged to have a major Gay speaker speak to the entire assembled Faculty and then do a couple of student workshops. I asked if I could introduce this person at the presentation. This was approved and in my doing so I became the Morrisville campus's very first "out" Gay Faculty member. This was also the very first time the subject was openly discussed on our campus. The positive reaction was even greater than I thought it would be and before the month was out I was being hailed as a damn role model to the student population (which was a weird feeling, let me tell you)! So, I'm quite proud at having my call published under the banner of Finger Lakes LARC!

Quotable Quote

We're not going back in the closet. We're making a world for younger gays and lesbians. A world where differentness is going to be applauded. We have a theology for ourselves now, and it's as impressive and strong as the theology of hatred....

LARC's Historic First Time Mode-S DXpedition

by Jim Kelly (KK3K) and Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI)

For the third consecutive year, the LAMBDA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, a club for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered hams and their friends has sponsored a history making OSCAR DXpedition. In March, 1992, LARC members Jim Kelly (KK3K) and Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI) activated Anguilla (VP2E) and the British Virgin Islands (VP2V) for the first time on OSCAR-13. In March, 1993, a team of five LARC operators including Jim, Don, Philip Jenkins (WD4JUV), Mark Wilcox (KC3XC) and Nick Altenbernd (KA1MQX) activated Montserrat (VP2M) for the first time on OSCAR-13. LARC mailed engraved certificates to 104 hams who worked all five LARC VP2M operators during the LARC VP2M DXpedition.

This year's LARC return trip to Anguilla (VP2E) between March 4th and March 10th included the first ever operation on OSCAR-13 Mode-S from a DXpedition location. The DXpedition team consisted of Tom Hendrix (K14ZN) of Winter Springs, FL; Jim Keeth (AF9A) of Indianapolis, IN; Wayne Schuler (AI9Q) of Vancouver, WA; Mark Wilcox (KC3XC) of Washington, DC; Howard Wyman (W9BVD) of Valrico, FL; Jim Kelly (KK3K) of Philadelphia, PA; Joe Kahler (WA2NGX) of Aurora, NY; and Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI) of Long Beach, CA. Accompanying the operators were Dan Evans, the life partner of Jim (KK3K) and Ted Lovett, the life partner of Mark (KC3XC). LARC members Dave (VP2EHF) and Dorothea (VP2EE) Mann, who reside in Anguilla, assisted the LARC team with licensing and provided power supplies and an HF antenna for the operation. The DXpedition was organized by Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI), who also edits the LARC club newsletter, the Lambda Net News.

The team occupied and operated from Syd-Ans, an apartment complex in Sandy Ground, one of the more picturesque locations in beautiful Anguilla. The LARC team used the assigned DXpedition call sign VP2EEE for the DXpedition and logged 367 contacts on OSCAR-13, including contacts with 37 different DXCC countries and 37 contacts on Mode-S, which uses a 2.4 GHz downlink and a 435 MHz uplink. The satellite Mode-B equipment consisted of a Yaesu FT-736R transceiver, Jaybeam 2m/70cm compact single boom yagi antenna, RF Concepts 70 cm amplifier, Advanced Receiver Research 2 meter preamplifier, Astron power supply, Heil boomset, Daiwa SWR/power meter, and a laptop computer running InstantTrack for satellite tracking and the Electronic Second Op for logging.

Don (WB6LYI) took responsibility for assembling, packing and transporting the Mode-S equipment. The Mode-S antenna was an SB-32 parabolic grid reflector with a dipole feed from R. Myers Communications and the downconverter was an SSB Electronics Model UEK-2000S. The SB-32 antenna came ready to mount, cable and use by simply connecting the coax feed to the downconverter and running a 50 foot length of Aircomm low-loss cable from the downconverter to the rig at the operating position. An additional cable was used to supply 13.8 volts to power the unit. The Aircomm cable uses its own N-connectors and assembly was completed for the cable in about fifteen minutes.

The UEK-2000S comes sealed, pre-weatherproofed, and ready to use. The SB-32 antenna was secured to a camera tripod using a nut that matched the threads used on any still or video camera. A simple tightening of the nut made the antenna ready to position and use.

Much has been written about the difficulty in aiming an antenna with the sharp 7 degree beamwidth of the SB-32. We used a diver's compass and an azimuth indicator to orient the antenna. Here's where accurate printouts of the position of the satellite are a must. It's not hard, as we heard our downlink signal on the first try.

The Mode-S downconverter was mounted at the back of the parabolic reflector. Don opted for this arrangement in order to minimize loss which can be substantial at microwave frequencies. The 2.4 GHz downlink signal is amplified and converted to 2 meters at the reflector. The 2 meter signal is then fed to the shack using a 50 foot run of Aircomm coax. Frequency conversion was easy as the downconverter turns 2400 MHz into 144 MHz.

A special wooden "suitcase" was required to transport the parabolic grid reflector by air to Anguilla because of the airline requirement prohibiting cardboard shipping containers due to the possibility of daily rain showers. The feed was removed by removing a single retaining bolt, making the package relatively flat and compact. The "suitcase" measured 37 inches by 26 inches by 9 inches.

The Mode-B single boom antenna disassembles and ships in a 50-inch length of 5-inch PVC pipe fitted with rubber end caps held securely with pipe clamps. The Mode-B yagis and the Mode-S grid reflector were each mounted on their own tripod. The apartment complex, like much of the construction in Anguilla, has a flat concrete roof to allow for the construction of additional units on top of the existing apartments at a future date. A concrete stairway to the roof was already in place, so the roof made an ideal platform for the two satellite antennas with a nearly unobstructed view of the horizon.

In addition to utilizing the microwave spectrum, LARC DXpedition team members operated in the HF, VHF and UHF spectrums. During the weekend of March 4, 5 and 6, the LARC team, using the club call VP2EEE, participated in the ARRL HF DX contest logging 1,735 contacts on five bands, racking up a total score of 785,955 points. During the week, over 469 additional contacts were made worldwide on HF. The total QSO tally for the team on HF was 2,204 contacts in 106 countries, which means that the team qualified for DXCC on the DXpedition. Jim Keeth (AF9A) took responsibility for organizing the HF equipment portion of the DXpedition. The HF station consisted of a Kenwood TS-440S transceiver, Butternut vertical antenna, and a laptop computer for logging running CT logging software by K1EA.

During the week, team members toured Anguilla in a rented all-purpose vehicle and visited many of the beautiful scenic attractions and exclusive resorts

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DX in the Tropics: VP2E Hamcation

Caribbean Island Apartment for Hamcation Rental in Anguilla, British West Indies

Location: The apartment is located above Little Harbour on the side of South Hill. It is in the lower part of a private home. The apartment has its own porch, two captain's beds, a desk operating position for ham radio operators, a kitchenette (mini-fridge, stove, and sink), full bathroom with shower, and closet space. There are ceiling fans, built-in bookcase with books, a clock radio/cassette player, dishes, and cooking/eating utensils. Maid service is provided.

Rates: The rates are US\$80 per day plus 8% government tax (total US\$86.40 per day) for up to two people.

Deposit: 25% of total bill. If you cancel at least 30-days prior to your scheduled visit, we will refund your deposit in full.

Payment: Cash or check. We are unable to accept credit cards.

Rental Cars: We can arrange for you. Cost is US\$27-35 per day, depending on the time of year. The car rental agency takes credit cards and needs to see your U.S. driver's license when you pick up the car. You will receive a temporary Anguillian driver's license, which costs US\$6. Driving is on the left, but it is not difficult to get used to as there is not much traffic in Anguilla.

Getting Here: The easiest way is through San Juan, Puerto Rico. American Airlines run American Eagle service from San Juan direct to Anguilla and takes about 55 minutes. There are two flights a day, one in

the morning and the other at night. Flights leaving Anguilla are in the morning and in the afternoon.

Ham License: A VP2E license costs US\$39 for a stroke call sign (VP2E/your call). A regular VP2E call sign costs double, but can frequently be arranged. We can take you to the licensing authority to get your license.

Equipment: Bring your own rig or rent one from us. The ham position is equipped with a 25 or 50-amp Astron power supply (your choice), 12-volt power strip, antenna tuner, dummy load, antenna switch, a 2-meter voice and packet rig, packet TNC, 4-element tribander (10, 15, and 20 meters), R7 vertical (10, 12, 15, 17, 20, 30, 40 meters), Cushcraft 2-element 40-meter beam and an 80-meter sloper. Electrical supply is 120-volts AC, 60 Hz. Special arrangements can be made for moonbounce for 6- or 2-meter DXers. A 6-element six meter beam and an 18-element two meter beam are available by special arrangement. Also, a rental laptop computer with contest and logging software may be rented for US\$15 per day. So, just bring your own HF rig and favorite CW key. If you want to travel light, we can rent you an ICOM 735 with keyer and narrow CW filter at US\$20 per day.

Contact: LARC members Dave (VP2EHF) or Dorothea (VP2EE) Mann, P.O. Box 599, The Valley, Anguilla, British West Indies. Phone & FAX: (809) 497-2150 (FAX picks up after 8 rings.)

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that dot the island. The beaches in Anguilla are some of the most beautiful in the Caribbean, and the French-influenced cuisine of Anguilla is not to be missed. Some members visited the nearby island of St. Martin by ferry boat.

Members of the team made daily beach, snorkeling and scuba diving trips. The reefs of Anguilla are unspoiled and offer some of the best diving and snorkeling anywhere. An album of photographs taken by DXpedition team members was prepared for display at LARC's annual get-together at the Dayton Hamvention.

On Wednesday evening, March 9, LARC members Dave (VP2EHF) and Dorothea (VP2EE) Mann hosted the LARC team for a barbecue at their beautiful home in Anguilla which is located above Little Harbour on the side of South Hill. The Mann's impressive antenna farm makes it easy to find the house. The

lower part of their home has been converted into a rental apartment which is fully equipped for ham radio DXpeditions.

QSL cards are pouring in from all over the world. The QSL address for all contacts made during the operation is via KK3K direct - which is also the address of LARC: POB 24810, Philadelphia, PA 19130-2405 USA.

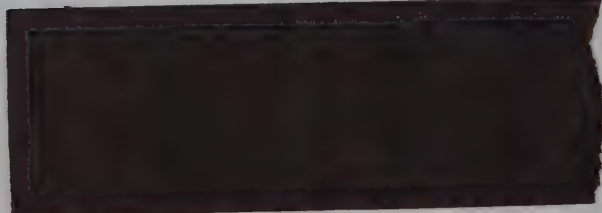
The North American Satellite DX Group (NASDX) group has supported each of the three LARC DXpeditions.

LARC will once again automatically mail engraved certificates to all hams who worked the DXpedition either on HF and Satellite or on Satellite Modes-B and Mode-S.

Planning for next year's DXpedition is already underway.

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Large LARC Turnout At Soggy Dayton Hamvention

This year's Dayton Hamvention was primarily an indoors event due to the rain and chilly WX throughout most of the weekend. But the rainy WX did not dampen the spirits of the 45 LARC members, spouses, friends, and guests who attended the Hamvention. LARC had a record block of 16 rooms reserved at EconoLodge, which served once again as LARC headquarters for the Hamvention. Many members arrived on Thursday and a large group of 24 LARC members met for dinner that evening at the Olive Garden. By Friday, the LARC contingent had swelled to almost 40 and some of the more intrepid bargain hunters hit the flea market early in spite of rain on and off. Friday evening, a VE exam session sponsored by LARC and was conducted in the meeting room at the EconoLodge. Later about 30 LARC members had dinner at the Casa Lupita. After dinner, the group split with some going downtown to a gay club and the rest returning to the hotel to socialize. On Saturday, a full day of hamventioning, LARC official activities, and socializing took place. The heavy turnout at the Hamvention combined with the poor WX made it difficult to move around indoors at times. As usual, there was lots of excitement at the major manufacturer's booths. ICOM premiered a new dual-band VHF/UHF base station, and Yaesu gave away goodies including baseball caps all day long. Saturday evening, LARC members met for a social hour at 5 PM and managed to pose for the traditional group picture in between rain showers. An official LARC business meeting took place in the meeting room at the EconoLodge between 6:00 and 7:30 PM. After the meeting, the annual LARC awards banquet was held at the Bombay Bicycle Club nearby with 45 LARC members and guests in attendance. Socializing continued after dinner at 1470 West disco and back at the hotel. The rain continued into Sunday and the temperature dropped into the 30s. Many flea market vendors packed up on Saturday and left surrendering to the poor WX. While the WX was poor, everyone seemed to enjoy the Hamvention. We're due for some sun next year!

LARC Sponsored VE Session Held At The EconoLodge In Dayton A LARC sponsored VE session was conducted on Friday evening, April 29, 1994 at 6:00 PM at LARC Hamvention headquarters, the EconoLodge on Wagoner Ford Road. John Wittmann (WK8X) organized and headed the VE team which also included Philip (WD4IJV); Tom (KI4ZN); Dave (KG8DV); and Ramsey (NJ5E). Announcements of the session were posted at the EconoLodge and walk-ins were welcome. Four hams took either first-time exams or upgrades at the test session.

LARC Honors Three At Dayton

Three LARC members were awarded plaques at the LARC annual awards banquet on Saturday, April 30, 1994 in Dayton. "Distinguished Service" awards were presented by vote of the LARC Executive Committee and are awarded on behalf of the entire membership in recognition of service to the club. Awards were presented to former membership secretary Paul (KK6JD) and Lambda Net News circulation manager Wayne (AI9Q). A "Distinguished Elmer" award was presented to Jim (WB4ZMK).

LARC v. ARRL Conciliation Session Held April 27

LARC President Jim (KK3K) and LARC's attorney Suzanne Goldberg, of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., met with ARRL Executive Vice President Dave Sumner (K1ZZ)

LARC Hosts First License Exam Session

by John Wittmann
(WK8X, Grand Rapids, MI)

ARC members scored another first April 29 during the 1994 Hamvention in Dayton, OH. Under the sponsorship of the Lambda Amateur Radio Club, John (WK8X) led a team of ARRL-certified Volunteer Examiners in an exam session open to the public at the Econo-Lodge on Friday evening.

We felt holding exams at the motel would provide a more relaxed atmosphere, instead of the Hamvention-sponsored session Saturday where you'd be bussed to a school to be examined with hundreds of others (although some of you may like it!). If you didn't pass your needed exam elements with us, the Saturday exam would give you a second chance the same weekend.

Congratulations to Ray (N8KBF) on passing the 20 WPM code test, Charlene (KC5BUB) on her upgrade to Advanced Class, and Jay Bibb for passing the Technician exam.

Special thanks go to the following ARC member Volunteer Examiners: Bob (NG2P), Philip (WD4IJV), Duane (K4UW), Larry (N4VA), Jim (WB4ZMK), Tom (KI4ZN), Ollie (NJ5E), and Dave (KG8DV). Thanks also for the help of Nick (KA1MQX) and Jim (KK3K).

The easy availability of the exam session proved to be popular, so we're preparing to offer them again at next year's Hamvention.

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President's Key

by Jim, KK3K (Philadelphia, PA)

President, LARC

Recently we lost two LARC members who by their efforts and example made a real contribution to LARC. Just after I got back from Dayton, I received an E-mail from LARC UK coordinator Stuart (G0BEV) informing me that Andrew (G6HEL) had died of complications from AIDS. Andrew had written several articles for the Lambda Net News, and he recently volunteered to help Stuart with LARC-UK/EU chapter duties by distributing the newsletter. Until quite recently he was in good spirits and as physically well as could be expected under the circumstances, according to Stuart, which made his sudden death all the more shocking. It was evident that Stuart was quite upset about Andrew's sudden death, judging by the tone of his E-mail message. AIDS has claimed too many loved ones and friends already. But when it takes someone young and enthusiastic, someone who is trying to help out and make a difference, then it is at its cruelest to be sure.

About a week later I got a telephone call from Duane (K4UW) informing me that Dick (K3AKK) had died. I was really shocked by and upset about Dick's death. Although Dick had his share of health problems over the years, he seemed to be in good health in Dayton.

His was a familiar face in Dayton over the years. He loved the hamvention and, along with his companion Joe, drove out each year from his home in the Washington, DC area. Dick was one of those pioneering hams that I thought about whenever I proudly proclaimed that LARC members were on the technological cutting edge. Dick was heavily into packet radio and maintained a complex system of cross-linked packet nodes and digipeaters in the DC area known as the DCA nodes. He was also quite knowledgeable on computers and cars. During our past trips together to and from Dayton, he and I often compared notes on our ageing vehicles, his old Lincoln and my old Chevy van, both of '70s vintage with six digit odometer readings and more replaced parts than we could keep track of. Occasionally, Dick would check in to one of our LARC HF nets. This year at Dayton, he told me that he planned to check in to the nets more often and said "I'll have to hook up to the Internet also."

Dick and I were not as close as are some LARC friends, however, we respected each other and we were getting closer. This year at Dayton, we had a few moments to sit down in the food hall, just he and I, at the Hamvention Sunday morning and just rest and chat for a bit. He had just purchased a new gadget for his HT, a combination microphone/earphone and we compared notes on the quality of the mic audio. We had nice chat, and it was a short but memorable moment during which I learned a lot about the character of this man. Dick was not very political in the gay sense, but at one point during our conversation he asked me if, after the ARRL matter is resolved, we might take up a collection to run a highly visible display ad in QST "Not to say We're Here, We're Queer, but to affirm our legitimacy as hams and ARRL members", Dick said. I can still hear and see him vividly as he said this to me. I was knocked over by this, really. He was proud to be a gay man and a LARC member, and I sure felt proud of him. If I could, I would say to Dick now that it is fine people like him that have made us legitimate in ways no display ad ever can. We can run all the ads we want, but we can never replace such a fine and talented individual and ham as was Dick Wareing, K3AKK. I deeply regret that it was the last opportunity I had to get to know Dick better.

Our sympathy goes out to Dick's life-partner Joe, to Andrew's life-partner Peter, and to all who will miss both Andrew and Dick. de KK3K

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and the League's attorney Deborah Freeman in Hartford, CT on Wednesday, April 27, 1994. This conciliation session was moderated by the investigator from the CT. Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities. The meeting was intended to provide an opportunity for the two parties to come together and settle differences that prompted LARC's complaint. After 4-1/2 hours of negotiations, a tentative basis for resolving the complaint was arrived at by the parties. While details remain to be worked out, a proposed basis for normalizing relations between LARC and the ARRL seems to have been reached. A joint press release issued by LARC and the ARRL is expected soon.

LARC's Successful Dxpediton To Anguilla Makes History

For the third year in a row, LARC has sponsored a history making Dxpediton. This year's LARC trip to Anguilla (VP2E) included the first ever operation on Mode S from a DXpediton location. In addition to utilizing the microwave spectrum, LARC DXpediton team members operated in the HF, VHF and UHF spectrums. During the weekend of March 4, 5 and 6, the LARC team using the call VP2EEE participated in the ARRL HF DX contest logging 1,735 contacts on SSB and CW. During

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Membership rosters are published several times each year and will be inserted into an issue of the LAMBDA NET NEWS. This summarized roster lists basic member information. If you'd like to receive a highly detailed, in-depth listing of each member, just send a 9" x 12" self-addressed envelope with \$1.90 postage affixed and a custom printed roster will be on its way to you. This way, you can have an updated roster as often as you'd like and LARC will not be sending rosters to anyone who doesn't want one.

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LARC Chapter Directory

City of Brotherly Love (COBL)

Chapter

Contact: Jim Kelly (KK3K)
P.O. Box 24810
Philadelphia, PA 19130
(215) 978-LARC

Serves Phila. metro area including S. Jersey, N. Delaware, and Maryland. Meetings every 6-8 weeks. No dues. Note: Chapter presently inactive.

Finger Lakes Chapter — 1993

Contact: Dave Minchella (KE2GE)
80 Campfire Rd. North
Henrietta, NY 14467
(716) 359-3337

Serves western and central NY state. Meetings 3rd Friday each month for dinner and meeting. Dues are \$5 per year. Chapter outings to local attractions.

Gateway (GLARC) Chapter — 1993

Contact: Bob Hamilton (WA0S)
2301 Park Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63104-2541
(314) 773-4056

Serves midwest. Meetings 1st Thursday of each month. Call for location.

Hollywood Chapter — 1993

Contact: Rick Fearn (K6VE), President
P.O. Box 65643
Los Angeles, CA 90065
(213) 256-6556

Serves southern California. Meetings are quarterly on weekends on announced schedule. Dues. Note: Field trips and outings are often scheduled.

Personal Stuff

I would like to correspond with any LARC members who are or were nightclub D.J.s or who collect modern dance music. Write or call —

Robert Baker, WA2IEK
262 40th Street
Irvington, NJ 07111-1149
(201) 374-9631

Would like to meet ham (or aspiring ham) for friendship and possible relationship.

Dale A. Clark, WA0CFQ
Box 668
Wellsville, KS 66092
(913) 883-4090

(Leave message on machine if I'm out.)

I would like to share my home and expense with a compatible ham.

LeRoy D. Lawhorn, W4VIV
Lambda #1095
357 Hillandale Rd., Apt. 238
Greenville, SC 29609-2310
(803) 233-3527

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the week, 469 additional contacts were made worldwide on HF. The total tally for the team on HF was 2,204 contacts in 106 countries, which means that the team qualified for DXCC on the DXpedition. On Oscar 13, the team logged 367 contacts including 37 contacts on Mode S, which utilizes a 2.4 Ghz downlink.

The LARC DXpedition was organized by Don (WB6LYI). Don also procured the Mode S grid dish and downconverter. Jim (AF9A) took responsibility for organizing the HF equipment portion of the DXpedition. The DXpedition team consisted of Tom (KI4ZN) of Winter Springs, FL; Jim (AF9A), of Indianapolis, IN; Wayne (AI9Q) of Vancouver, WA; Mark (KC3XC) of Washington, DC; Howard (W8VD) of Valrico, FL; Jim (KK3K) of Philadelphia, PA; Joe (WA2NGX) of Aurora, NY; and Don (WB6LYI) of Long Beach, CA. Accompanying the operators were Dan Evans, the life partner of Jim (KK3K) and Ted Lovett, the life partner of Mark (KC3XC).

LARC members Dave (VP2EHF) and Dorothea (VP2EE) Mann, who reside in Anguilla, assisted the LARC team with licensing and provided power supplies and a HF antenna for the operation.

The team operated from an apartment complex in Sandy Ground village, one of the more picturesque locations in beautiful Anguilla.

During the week, team members toured Anguilla in a rented all purpose vehicle and visited many of the beautiful scenic attractions and exclusive resorts that dot the island. The beaches in Anguilla are some of the best in the Caribbean, and the French-influenced cuisine of Anguilla is not to be missed. Some members visited the nearby island of French St. Martin by ferry.

Members of the team made daily beach, snorkeling and scuba diving trips. The reefs of Anguilla are unspoiled and offer some of the best diving and snorkeling anywhere. An album of photographs taken by Dxpediton team members will be assembled for viewing in Dayton.

QSL cards are pouring in from all over the world. The QSL address for all contacts made during the operation is via KK3K direct which is also the address of the LARC club POB. Tom (KI4ZN) has volunteered to handle the QSLing chores for the HF portion of the operation, and Jim (AF9A) will handle the satellite cards.

A contribution of \$100.00 was received from the North American Satellite DX (NASDX) group to help pay for QSL cards. The NASDX group has supported each of the three LARC Dxpeditons!

Our own member Norm (VE3CJE) is one of only a few hams so far to have worked VP2EEE on all three certificate qualifying modes: HF, satellite Mode B AND satellite Mode S! This is a major accomplishment of which both he and all

members of LARC can be proud! LARC will award engraved certificates to all hams who worked the DXpedition either on HF and Satellite, or on Satellite Modes B & S. Planning for next year's DXpedition is already underway.

LARC Bi-Annual Elections Slated

Elections for LARC President, Vice-President and Secretary will be held later this year. Nomination forms will be mailed to the membership with the newsletter by early summer. Candidates resumes will be solicited and published in the newsletter prior to the mailing of ballots in October. The LARC Executive Committee urges each and every LARC member to participate in the nominations and election process, and to consider running for club office.

The following is a special message to the membership from LARC President Jim (KK3K): "The strength and well-being of our club is directly proportional to the interest and willingness of members to get involved, pitch in, and serve in office. New blood is the lifeblood of any organization, and change and renewal is essential for growth. I would like to see new LARC leadership emerge, and in particular, I think it is time for someone else to become president of LARC. LARC is at the threshold of a new era and the future is full of promise, but our success or failure will depend upon the willingness of the members to give of their talents. I know that each and every LARC member will do what they can to insure that LARC remains a strong and viable organization well into the next century."

Vote Slated On Revised LARC Constitution And By-Laws

A final revision of the LARC Constitution and By-Laws has been completed under the supervision of LARC Vice President Howard (W9BVD). The new document is the work of the LARC Executive Committee serving as a constitutional revision committee. The process took over six months and required several draft formulations. The completed revision will be mailed to the membership within the next few months and will be submitted to the membership for adoption in conjunction with the LARC election slated for October. Due to the extensive and complex nature of the document, the executive committee has requested an up or down vote on the revision, with any additional changes to be accomplished via amendment after adoption.

Obituaries

Andrew Prior (G6HEL) of Oxfordshire, UK of complications from AIDS. Andrew died in early May.

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Dick Wareing, (K3AKK) of Arlington, VA on May 10. According to Duane (K4UW): "Dick's death was caused by a severe reaction to a new experimental heart medicine. The week before Dayton, Dick was in the Bethesda Naval Hospital for a check-up prior to the Dayton journey. His doctor wanted to start him on one of two new heart medicines then. However, he really wanted to attend the Hamvention so his doctor postponed changing his medicine, reprogrammed his heart pace maker, and OK'd his trip. I knew Dick had heart problems and was often tired. He told me several times how his pacemaker could be interrogated and reprogrammed via an inductive coupler placed on his chest. Frequently he asked me to call him Sunday afternoons to remind him of our 20-meter schedule. Most times he was too tired to go down to his ham shack. He had hoped the new heart medicine would cure this problem. I did not know it was an experimental heart medicine being administering to him: however, from what we now learn, he probably did. Larry (N4VA) has been helping Dick's sister during this period. Joe hasn't had enough sleep lately to really be cognizant of what's been happening. Joe's mother is also visiting from Thailand."

Member Correspondence

Get Well wishes go out to Jason (KE4AUX) who recently underwent thyroid surgery and condolences to George (G3WGF) who recently lost his longtime companion due to a heart attack.

From Dave (VP2EHF): Hi fellow LARcers, via 74227.3127@CompuServe.COM. Dorothea and I finally have gotten on CompuServe, so we can send E-Mail. The Packet BBS (VP2EA) is still down, so nothing is getting through on packet ... Dorothea and I just wanted to tell you all how much we enjoyed your Anguilla DXpedition! It was certainly the Event of the Year! Larry (VP2EL) asked to be remembered and his thanks for the scrumptious dinner at Rivera and the chance to meet everyone. Mr. Nat Hodge the Telecommunications Officer (gentleman who signed your licenses) also says hello and "...don't forget your licenses are OK until December 31st, so come back anytime!" Weather this past week has been 75 to 80 degrees, water temperature at Sandy Ground about the same. Some rain, but mostly just plain sunny West Indies weather. We had two JA's staying in our ham apartment signing VP2EJA (JA1MUT, Yoichi and JI1DCW, Masa) until a couple of days ago. They said that the OSCAR portion of the VP2EEE DXpedition had made a big hit in Japan, and that every JA with OSCAR equipment was listening for you. Guess you had to have been there ... OK, will say our 73's and 88's for now. Dave (VP2EHF) and Dorothea (VP2EE) and Willie the Electric Cat.

From Neil (WA6KLA): I'm sending a thank you note via e-mail to Bill Pasternak thanking him for the nice write-up re LARC-ARRL in the latest Newsline. I've known Bill for probably over 20 years. My picture is in a book Bill wrote back in the seventies about amateur radio; TAB Books #1212. Bill is appearing at the convention mentioned below. I suspect you will be attending the Dayton Hamvention, have fun and enjoy. I've never gone, maybe sometime. The following is where I'm spending some of my efforts: For future reference, I'm the chairman of the exhibitor setup committee: THE NORTHWEST DIVISION ARRL HAM CONVENTION. June 4 & 5, 1994, Seaside Convention Center, Seaside Oregon. A complete Convention Brochure will be mailed upon request. SEA-PAC, Box 219142, Portland, OR 97225 or Internet: n.mckie@genie.geis.com.

From Bob (KA8UHL): 'Wow! What a fantastic (Hamvention) weekend! I had a great time. It was wonderful seeing everyone. I almost have to pinch myself when I realize what a terrific group of people belong to LARC, and what a great organization this is as a result. I feel closer to many of you than some of the people I see everyday around here. (Now don't let that go to your heads!) Did anyone notice the sky clear Sunday afternoon as they drove or flew home? Well, even the crappy weather didn't dampen my spirits... though it did my shoes!

News from AOL: The tired "Gay Hams???" discussion has been purged from the system after a lull of several weeks. May it rest in peace with Genie's and CompuServe's. Meanwhile the LARC folder in the gay section has received posts from two potential members. More work for you, Philip! Also, "Thank You!" to Mark (KC3XC) for covering on AOL while I was in Dayton. I've discussed the (1995)DXpedition with David... and he's interested! Yea!! He just wants to be 100% certain that the conversation away from the rigs won't be dominated by radio talk! We won't be ready to commit for a while, but I'll be getting my passport together just in case. Thanks to all for a truly fine weekend!

From Ramsey (NJ5E): Fellow LARcers: I don't know how many of you are within an easy drive to Greenville, TN, but several of the IRC/BML people (internet relay chat and Bears Mailing List) have coordinated for a weekend at Timberfell Lodge. TFL is a men's clothing optional bed and breakfast that also has camping facilities, pool, hot tub, sauna and lots of woods to run around in. We're going to be up there May 13—15 for our get-together and I thought I should let you guys know about it too. It sounds like a grand opportunity to greet spring. For further information send e-mail to: jbear@netcom.com or if you are going to be in Dayton ask me about it.

From Lu (KA4EPS): Well guys, I must say that I don't think I had a better time at any Hamfest till I did it with LARC at Dayton! It is due to LARC and its members that: 1) Brought me back into ham radio after four years of closet time. 2) Got me to a hamfest and had a great time! 3) Gave me a chance to meet some most wonderful gay hams around! I really enjoy being part of LARC and I certainly can't wait till the next event!

Chapter News

Official LARC formal affiliation applications have been received from the Finger Lakes Chapter, The Sunshine Chapter, and the North Coast Chapter.

The Sunshine News, the newsletter of the Sunshine Chapter premiered on April 14. The editor is Jason Rodgers, (KE4AUX).

Finger Lakes Chapter: excerpts from minutes of April 1994 meeting. Location: Dede's Restaurant, Friday, April 15, 1994. 6 members present. The meeting was called to order at 7:25PM by chairman Jim (N2IMS). Minutes from the March meeting were distributed and approved. Jim (N2IMS) announced that paperwork for Chapter affiliation has been submitted to National LARC. Field Day: Joe (WA2NGX) indicated he expects to be out of the country and unable to participate. However he strongly urged the group to proceed with the usual plans. Joe said he would still furnish the generator, 1 HF rig, power supply, two 40 foot portable masts, etc... Arrangements would have to be made to transport items to Rochester before June 1, and stored before and after FD. Discussion regarding what call sign to use followed. Irv AF2K will call site host Dave regarding site use, etc... As far as participation, it appears considerably more members have committed to taking part this year than last. GAGV picnic: This year's Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley picnic is scheduled for July 17th, so as not to conflict with Stonewall (and Field Day!) LARC/FLC will have booth space with a display consisting of photos and literature. Dave (KE2GE) and Jim (N2IMS) remind everyone to furnish updated photos of their "shack." Irv AF2K will contact GAGV about table space and will also inquire about LARC banner availability. Jim (N2IMS) described his day of volunteering as a guide at the recent AIDS Quilt display at the University of Rochester. Next Month's FLC get-together will be a luncheon at 1:00 PM at Two M's Restaurant following the close of the Rochester Hamfest, Sunday May 22nd. Motion for adjournment was made at 8:00 PM. Respectfully submitted, Irv (AF2K) LARC/FLC Secretary.

LARC Election Nomination Form

For the following offices, I nominate ...

President

Vice President

Secretary

DX in the Tropics: VP2E Hamcation

Caribbean Island Apartment for Hamcation Rental in Anguilla, British West Indies

Location: The apartment is located above Little Harbour on the side of South Hill. It is in the lower part of a private home. The apartment has its own porch, two captain's beds, a desk operating position for ham radio operators, a kitchenette (mini-fridge, stove, and sink), full bathroom with shower, and closet space. There are ceiling fans, built-in bookcase with books, a clock radio/cassette player, dishes, and cooking/eating utensils. Maid service is provided.

Rates: The rates are US\$80 per day plus 8% government tax (total US\$86.40 per day) for up to two people.

Deposit: 25% of total bill. If you cancel at least 30-days prior to your scheduled visit, we will refund your deposit in full.

Payment: Cash or check. We are unable to accept credit cards.

Rental Cars: We can arrange for you. Cost is US\$27-35 per day, depending on the time of year. The car rental agency takes credit cards and needs to see your U.S. driver's license when you pick up the car. You will receive a temporary Anguillian driver's license, which costs US\$6. Driving is on the left, but it is not difficult to get used to as there is not much traffic in Anguilla.

Getting Here: The easiest way is through San Juan, Puerto Rico. American Airlines run American Eagle service from San Juan direct to Anguilla and takes about 55 minutes. There are two flights a day, one in

the morning and the other at night. Flights leaving Anguilla are in the morning and in the afternoon.

Ham License: A VP2E license costs US\$39 for a stroke call sign (VP2E/your call). A regular VP2E call sign costs double, but can frequently be arranged. We can take you to the licensing authority to get your license.

Equipment: Bring your own rig or rent one from us. The ham position is equipped with a 25 or 50-amp Astron power supply (your choice), 12-volt power strip, antenna tuner, dummy load, antenna switch, a 2-meter voice and packet rig, packet TNC, 4-element tribander (10, 15, and 20 meters), R7 vertical (10, 12, 15, 17, 20, 30, 40 meters), Cushcraft 2-element 40-meter beam and an 80-meter sloper. Electrical supply is 120-volts AC, 60 Hz. Special arrangements can be made for moonbounce for 6- or 2-meter DXers. A 6-element six meter beam and an 18-element two meter beam are available by special arrangement. Also, a rental laptop computer with contest and logging software may be rented for US\$15 per day. So, just bring your own HF rig and favorite CW key. If you want to travel light, we can rent you an ICOM 735 with keyer and narrow CW filter at US\$20 per day.

Contact: LARC members Dave (VP2EHF) or Dorothea (VP2EE) Mann, P.O. Box 599, The Valley, Anguilla, British West Indies. Phone & FAX: (809) 497-2150 (FAX picks up after 8 rings.)

Special Event Station

by David Dean (KG8DV, Greenville, OH)

On July 29-30, 1994, the Treaty City Amateur Radio Association of Greenville, OH will operate a special event radio station at the Association's club facility located in the little red schoolhouse (historic site) on State Route 49 just south of Greenville, OH. The special event station will operate in conjunction with the 31st Annual Annie Oakley Festival in Greenville.

The festival this station commemorates is for the memory of Annie Oakley, little miss sharpshooter, who was born in Darke County, just north of Greenville, OH.

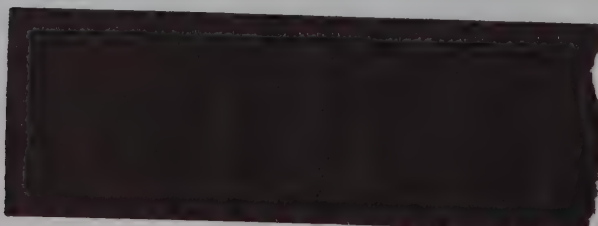
The Treaty City Amateur Association works very closely with the Annie Oakley Festival Committee, providing radio communications and public address systems for the duration of the week long festival.

The station's call sign is W8UMD and will operate in the General Class portion of all amateur bands. Several modes of operation will be used during the event and the hours of operation will be from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. on Saturday and Sunday, July 29 and 30, 1994. The station will be open to the public, so everyone is invited to stop by and see what amateur radio is all about. We're all hoping to see you at the schoolhouse or talk to you on the radio.

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LARC Membership Tops 200

According to LARC database manager Don (WB6LYT), LARC renewals for 1994 include 198 regular members, 8 family memberships, and 5 student/low income members and the total membership is 206. This is the first year that the active membership of the club has exceeded the 200 mark. Membership breakdown by sex is 187 men and 19 women.

LARC Ad Renewed In CQ Magazine

LARC's membership ad in CQ magazine has been renewed for another year. The ad, which is not currently running, will reappear in the April, 1994 issue and will run through April, 1995.

Constitution And By-Laws Revision Proceeding

LARC Vice President Howard (W9BVD) and the LARC Executive Committee have completed a second draft revision of the club Constitution and By-Laws. After the Executive Committee agrees on the proposed re-write, the revised document will be submitted to the membership for approval. Revised chapter affiliation forms have been prepared and mailed to LARC chapters Rochester, Orlando, Los Angeles, Cleveland, St. Louis, and Dallas.

No Dayton Busses!

(Source: Amateur Radio Newslite)

If you are planning to attend the 1994 Dayton Hamvention, better plan to drive your car out to the Hara Arena convention venue. This is because Hamvention planners have announced that they will not be providing free bus service to hotels and motels this year. The problem is simply one of cost. Dayton first began providing the free bus service after land adjacent to the Hara Arena was made off limits for parking. Over the years, the cost of providing the free bus service has soared until it topped the ninety thousand dollar mark. That's simply more than the Hamvention can afford to pay. But over the past twelve months, much of the old parking adjacent to the Hara Arena became available once again. Its now privately owned, so there will be a nominal daily charge to be decided by the owner of each lot. Getting the parking spaces back means that the Hamvention can cut back this expensive transport service. Now it needs to provide shuttles only to outlying parking facilities such as the Salem Mall. According to Hamvention General Chairman Dave Grubb, KC8CF, this will be a savings of over forty-five thousand dollars. Money that can better be spent on improving other aspects of this yearly event. Grubb adds that the Hamvention Planning Committee is also working with the Dayton

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(Following is the text of a press release issued by the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc. on April 1, 1994).

Connecticut Human Rights Commission Takes First Step to Stop Discrimination Against Gay Ham Radio Club

(New York, NY, April 1, 1994) — In one of its first rulings under Connecticut's law against sexual orientation discrimination, the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities announced that it had reasonable cause to believe that the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) had discriminated against a gay ham radio club when it refused to publish the gay club's notices in its classified advertising section.

In its March 18 decision in a case brought by Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, the Commission affirmed the case investigator's finding that ARRL's refusal to publish the Lambda Amateur Radio Club (LARC) ad was motivated by the club member's sexual orientation. Rejecting the ARRL's defense that it excluded LARC's ad because the group is "issue oriented," the Commission held that "the issue in this instance is clearly the fact that LARC's members identify themselves as Gay."

"The Commission's ruling illustrates that Connecticut's law against sexual orientation discrimination will be a significant tool in stopping anti-gay acts," said Lambda staff attorney Suzanne Goldberg who represents the club along with Robert G. Miller, John Lynch and Catherine McGrath of the New York law firm Brown Raysman & Millstein.

While the ARRL has refused to publish LARC's ad for nearly ten years, it has continued to publish classified advertisements for other ham radio clubs including Jehovah's Witnesses, Ayn Rand enthusiasts, missionaries and animal rights groups. "The ruling is an important first step toward achieving just treatment for the Lambda Amateur Radio Club," said Goldberg.

"It is time for responsible individuals at the ARRL to publicly acknowledge the unfairness of their past practices, adopt and publish a non-discrimination policy which includes sexual orientation, and to work with LARC in the spirit of cooperation and good will which has always characterized the amateur radio service," said LARC president James Kelly.

A full hearing on the case is scheduled for June.

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund is the nation's leading non-profit legal organization working to protect and advance the rights of lesbians, gay men, and people with

HIV/AIDS. Headquartered in New York City, and with offices in Los Angeles and Chicago, Lambda has regional and national expertise in all aspects of sexual orientation and HIV-related policy and law.



President's Key

by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

President, LARC

Consider the following list of places: North Ferrisburg, Vermont; Amesbury, Massachusetts; McMinnville, Tennessee; Aloha, Oregon; Missoula, Montana; Pahump, Nevada; Sault Saint Marie, Ontario; Stirlingshire, Scotland and Viskafors, Sweden. Have you ever been to any of these places? I haven't. But did you know that all of these places have something in common? Yes, they do: one and only one LARC member lives in each of these locations!

I'm glad we've had some success at accomplishing one of LARC's most important goals: to conduct an ongoing outreach program to reach potential members everywhere, and not just in the big U.S. cities. While it hasn't been easy over the years to get the word out about LARC, apparently we haven't done too bad, judging by the preceding list of smaller towns where some of our members live.

Of course, we've also been very successful in reaching potential members in and around the big cities, so much so that LARC members clustered in several areas have formed their own chapters. But it's worth remembering that LARC existed before any of the local chapters and thus played a big role in facilitating their formation. And, while we've always encouraged LARC members to get together locally, we must not lose sight of LARC's purposes and goals which may or may not be entirely shared by our local chapters. In particular, LARC is the only club available to those who live off the beaten path, and one of our purposes is to reach potential members who are not lucky enough to live in an area where there are enough members to support an ongoing local chapter. In order to do this, for example, LARC might need to employ strategies that local chapters do not favor, like targeting electronic and computer enthusiasts in our ads, and/or encouraging each and every member of LARC to run an ad in their local sexual minority newspaper.

This is just one example of a phenomenon that we've struggled with in connection with the formation of local LARC chapters, i.e., when a chapter forms, elects its own officers, etc., it takes on a life of its own. Our experience has been that, since local chapters often operate differently than LARC, conflicts over policies and procedures can arise between a chapter and LARC national. This is to be expected. But what is the solution? The solution lies in a mutual recognition of autonomy between LARC and local chapters. LARC acknowledges that its local chapters are autonomous; they set their own policies. LARC does not interfere with the policies of local chapters. But on the other hand, local chapters must in turn recognize the autonomy of LARC and the responsibility of the elected representatives of LARC to conduct the affairs of the club.

LARC national has a somewhat different set of functions and purposes than LARC chapters. And, we operate differently due to the fact that our membership is dispersed worldwide. LARC members in areas with local chapters are fortunate in having the advantage of a local organization offering support and the opportunity for social interaction. And they have the luxury of operating with the direct input and involvement of all of their members on each and every issue since they're not spread out all over creation.

As I pointed out earlier, one of LARC's most important tasks is to try to reach people who will find out about LARC only if we make every effort possible to spread the word. Our responsibility is to a broader constituency than that of local chapters. LARC is the only sexual minority-oriented ham club that can offer support and a sense of community to sexual minority hams and potential hams in remote areas and areas without chapters. So, we must have a broader approach and appropriate membership policies if we are to fulfill our constitutional mandate to provide outreach and support to all current and potential sexual minority hams everywhere.

I continue to believe that our efforts at attracting new members and new hams are appropriate, whether from the ranks of licensed hams, computer and electronics enthusiasts, or the general public. LARC has always had an "open" membership, i.e., we welcome interest and new members without regard to the person's status. We exclude no one who is interested in amateur radio and who is supportive of sexual minorities. LARC is in no way a privileged society with a restricted membership. Remember, we're fighting the anti-gay exclusionary policies of the ARRL in Connecticut. Therefore, it wouldn't make sense for LARC to be exclusionary, would it? It would be an embarrassment if we were and it might even hurt our case! But while I would fervently hope that our local chapters would emulate LARC's non-exclusionary policies, I recognize that it is their prerogative to set their own policies and procedures.

As I stated in my article on the subject of computer enthusiasts in the December, 1993 Lambda Net News, I believe that any ham club worth its salt should be recruiting new members and new hams from any and all areas and constituencies. The ARRL's own policy on membership as published in QST is as follows: "A bona fide interest in Amateur Radio is the only essential qualification of membership." On this point LARC and the ARRL are in agreement: LARC's one additional requirement is only that our members must be supportive of sexual minorities; they must be tolerant. This is a good policy, and it's the right policy if we're going to continue to reach out to hams and potential hams, our brothers and sisters in places like Litchfield, Ohio; Sunrise, Florida; and the town of Redmond in Washington State. de KK3K

See you in Dayton!

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Membership rosters are published several times each year and will be inserted into an issue of the LAMBDA NET NEWS. This summarized roster lists basic member information. If you'd like to receive a highly detailed, in-depth listing of each member, just send a 9" x 12" self-addressed envelope with \$1.90 postage affixed and a custom printed roster will be on its way to you. This way, you can have an updated roster as often as you'd like and LARC will not be sending rosters to anyone who doesn't want one.

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LARC Chapter Directory

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Chapter

Contact: Jim Kelly (KK3K)
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Philadelphia, PA 19130
(215) 978-LARC

Serves Phila. metro area including S. Jersey, N. Delaware, and Maryland. Meetings every 6-8 weeks. No dues. Note: Chapter presently inactive.

Finger Lakes Chapter — 1993

Contact: Dave Minchella (KE2GE)
80 Campfire Rd. North
Henrietta, NY 14467
(716) 359-3337

Serves western and central NY state. Meetings 3rd Friday each month for dinner and meeting. Dues are \$5 per year. Chapter outings to local attractions.

Gateway (GLARC) Chapter — 1993

Contact: Bob Hamilton (WA0S)
2301 Park Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63104-2541
(314) 773-4056

Serves midwest. Meetings 1st Thursday of each month. Call for location.

Hollywood Chapter — 1993

Contact: Rick Fearn (K6VE), President
P.O. Box 65643
Los Angeles, CA 90065
(213) 256-6556

Serves southern California. Meetings are quarterly on weekends on announced schedule. Dues. Note: Field trips and outings are often scheduled.

Personal Stuff

I would like to correspond with any LARC members who are or were nightclub D.J.s or who collect modern dance music. Write or call —

Robert Baker, WA2IEK
262 40th Street
Irvington, NJ 07111-1149
(201) 374-9631

Would like to meet ham (or aspiring ham) for friendship and possible relationship.

Dale A. Clark, WA0CFQ
Box 668
Wellsville, KS 66092
(913) 883-4090

(Leave message on machine if I'm out.)

I would like to share my home and expense with a compatible ham.

LeRoy D. Lawhorn, W4VIW
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213 McDonald Street
Greenville, SC 29609-5630
(803) 233-3527

Chamber of Commerce and the city's Convention and Visitors bureau. This, to see if either will help to underwrite the cost of running busses from the various hotels. In lieu of that, the Hamvention is also trying to get the hotels and motels to provide this service for their guests. The bottom line is that a few out of town visitors who fly to Dayton for the Hamvention may be inconvenienced by this change, but the enhanced on-site parking may make things a lot easier for the vast majority of Hamvention attendees who drive.

A Night At The Rally

By Brian (N8VTA)

(From the LARC North Coast Chapter Newsletter)

Three members of LARC North Coast Chapter worked one of our area's more unique public service events during the night of February 5-6: (That's a 60 percent turnout!) The Ohio Winter Rally, like all road rallies, is a competition where participants drive a course on public roads, arriving at checkpoints at a specified time, with points off for arriving later, or sooner, it isn't a race. The location and number of checkpoints are unknown to the drivers, as is the course; they follow a set of cryptic "tulip" symbols telling where to turn, etc. This rally, however, is held in the middle of the night, in the middle of winter, on little-traveled back roads in a part of Northeast Ohio famous for lake-effect blizzards, where the snow cover is measured in feet, not inches. The organizers hope for one of those blizzards to come along and make it challenging. Needless to say, ham radio safety communication is needed. A local repeater club organizes hams to work the ten-hour, 200-mile event. Bob (KA8UHL) and Brian (N8VTA) have worked this event for several years (wouldn't miss it!). This year, they were joined by Ray (N8KBF). Two-ham teams were assigned first-half checkpoints in a motel room with at least 50 hams jammed in -- the crowd was so tight that Bob and Brian had to resort to 2 meters for the incredible DX of ten feet. Bob and non-LARC member Brenda (KB8ITE), were assigned an early checkpoint; Ray and Brian a later one at one of Ohio's many covered bridges. Two-ham teams are used in case relaying is necessary: often the checkpoints are in low ravines out of repeater range. Six repeaters were used for the event -- the net control really had his hands full. Unfortunately for the rally organizers, the WX did not cooperate: it was a clear, starry night with temperatures in the 20s. Past years have featured eight-inch snowfalls; one year a competitor missed a turn and drove unknowingly into a field -- and two more blissfully followed his tracks. To rapidly indicate such lost sheep, hams and officials keep a tally of which competitors pass a checkpoint. Officials

have a scoring form to do this on, but hams have always had to make do. But Ray discovered he also had an "official" State of Ohio form for this -- the card used to select Lotto numbers. As an added benefit, you can then play the numbers of the competitors that missed your checkpoint. This may become standard equipment. Because of the mild weather, the first half was fairly uneventful; one competitor ran into a ditch near Ray and Brian's point, but got out without help. After a midnight "lunch" break where hams and competitors took over a rather surprised truck stop, Ray went home (he had to leave town early the next day) and Brian, Bob, and Brenda teamed up for the second half. They were given two checkpoints: an early one near another covered bridge (this was really the Ohio Covered Bridge Rally) and, after the competitors had uneventfully passed through, another one near the end of the course. At the second one, the checkpoint officials never appeared, and they merely "observed" as competitors would zoom by, with their rally computers, red dome lights, and six brilliant headlights on, then stop, reverse, ask, "Is this ____" "No, it isn't a checkpoint." They wondered, among the hundreds of back roads the rally traveled, how many lovers' lanes had been similarly invaded that Saturday night.

Welcome New Members

Welcome aboard to Paulette Quick (N9OUH) of Madison, WI and Jim Earthman (KE2OK) of Houston, TX. Welcome back to former member Dan Duncan (WA6NZZ) of Pasadena, CA.

Member Correspondence

UK/EU Chapter member Gordon (G4GUW) had major heart surgery just before New Year. He is now at home and progressing quite well. Get well soon, Gordon, from everyone in LARC.

From Steve (KD6ZZ): Steve (in Key West) reports that his local packet BBS is working quite well now since the installation of a 40 meter link to the mainland replacing an unreliable VHF link. Steve's packet address is KD6ZZ @ KB4GCZ.#EYWFL.FL.USA.NA.

From Steve (N4YZA): Steve wrote to 73 amateur Radio publisher Wayne green in response to Green's latest diatribe on LARC and AIDS: "...I am a little amazed that you can say that 'AIDS is almost a totally homosexual problem' without first doing some research into the infected groups. I for one am a volunteer for the Indian River County area here in Florida and can tell you that although you may have been right in the early days of AIDS you are now dead wrong! This tells me that you have not bothered to do research or consult anyone familiar with HIV/AIDS and the people that are

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infected. I must construe from the article in 73 that you only tell half-truths and do not completely research your facts before you print them ... it is people like you that have made it harder for people living with HIV/AIDS to get the things that may help them because you attach the disease to a class of people. Let me point out that the ham population is not immune to HIV/AIDS. I have seen ham radio operators that have lost everything they own because of the expense of the disease and they weren't even associated with the Lambda Amateur Radio Club. If you continue to publish irresponsible articles about HIV/AIDS that misinforms the amateur radio population then that means that one day I will see another ham show up for treatment ... let me point out that I am a member of the club that you so like to rant about. I am not afraid to say who I am or what I am because I for one only care about what is right for me. I guess this will make you feel better as you can now write off this letter because it comes from one of those 'radicals'...I can no longer in good conscience continue to subscribe to your magazine knowing that you print information that misleads the general public..and even though I will miss the technical articles I won't miss the propaganda that is published by your magazine."

From Paul (KK6JD) "LA Quakes -- lots of rock and roll. Here at the homestead a couple bookshelves and lots of CD's hit the floor, along with 2 vases, 1 lamp, and 3 glasses. We consider ourselves quite lucky. The house doesn't have any new cracks though we shook unbelievably hard. The quake started hard and got harder. The studio didn't fare any better. Two stages sustained major damage -- structural -- and many had the stucco scared off of them. 6 had water damage. Lots of work we didn't plan on."

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Gateway Chapter (St. Louis) News

From Bob (WA0S)

Hello to all from the small but mighty GLARC gang here in the midwest. February elections have produced a new chapter president and contact, Gordon Turner (WB5OYL). Bob Nicolai (W0EKM) is the new Treasurer and, having the only chapter Internet connection, I'm the secretary. Gordon is heading for his native New Orleans for a Mardi Gras visit and an attempt to rustle up some new members. Working weekends, I've not been able to make the HF net for months but, with CyberLarc I'd love to hear from any and all, particularly from Britain and Europe. It seems difficult to believe at times but, even in St. Louis, we're doing well and have one of the toughest gay rights laws in the land. And, on AOL anyway, the bashers have

practically disappeared. Our local PBS outlet did partially mask a few shots in Tales of the City so there's still some work to do. I'm sure it's been a subject of net discussion, but it looks like the new FCC "what's non-commercial" regs now allow us far more freedom in helping with Pride Parade communications. That's a goal here this year. 73 to All in LARC, Bob (WA0S).

LARC UK/EU

From Stuart (GOBEV)

We are financially solvent for the present, though I haven't taken out much in the way of expenses this year. Keith (G4JED) has offered to underwrite the mailbox for next year. There has been a regular ad appearing over here now with the new P.O. Box Number so I suppose it will gradually get into circulation, though so far the enquiries aren't exactly flooding in. One problem over here is that publications don't seem to have the stability one might wish -- last year, for example, we lost Gai Pied in France, something I never expected to see. No replacement has so far emerged as far as I know. The situation in Germany is more fragmented, and I don't think there is a suitable national circulating publication. Holland may be a better bet as there are some regulars there, and when I have time, I will try to look into that. I don't have any information on other countries such as Spain or Italy so far. Regarding HF skeds, as you are reviewing this on your side, what I might suggest is that the 10 metre transatlantic sked slot be dropped as propagation is too unreliable now. I suggest the 15 metre 15:15Z slot remain on the slate for now, but be RE-TIMED for 15:00Z. I'm also inclined to drop the transatlantic CW sked for the present for as far as I know, no-one uses it and the time is not propitious for propagation. For the most part, 20 metres has closed here at 19:00 at this time of year, though not always, as Brian (GM0KWL) demonstrated recently. Brian is about 150 km north of me, so possibly more northerly paths are favored; certainly, the more southern members have complained often about never hearing anyone from the US. I make a point of calling and listening on the 15 metre sked whenever I'm here (which is most week-ends) though, so maybe it will work one of these days. I think the 20 metre 19:00 slot may well improve later in the year, and I will encourage members here to keep listening. (As an aside, it probably isn't a very convenient time in some ways, as it usually coincides with dinner!) Organizationally, I proposed to members that the UK/EU Chapter functions should be redistributed a bit -- mainly for the health of the chapter by involving more people (and indirectly bringing in new ideas, etc.). What I had in mind is a three way split: one person to look after the newsletter & correspondence; one to look after the money,

and another to look after the P.O. Box and membership matters that arise out of it.

Lambda Amateur Radio Club -- Finger Lakes Chapter

Excerpts from minutes of Jan 1994 meeting. Location: Dede's Exit 45 Restaurant near Victor, NY, Friday evening January 21, 1994. Present: Dave (KE2GE), Jim (N2IMS), Lisa (KB2DWB), Irv (AF2K), Joe (WA2NGX), Charlie M., Blair C., Warren T., and new member Tina P. Following dinner, the meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by Chairman Dave (KE2GE). Minutes from the November 1993 meeting were distributed and a motion made and carried to approve as submitted. Financial report: Jim (N2IMS) reported a current balance of \$5.65 in the treasury. Dave reminded everyone that Chapter renewal dues are now being accepted (No increase -- still \$5.00/year). Some members indicated they are awaiting word regarding National LARC's rebate decision before renewing locally. Chairman Dave announced that FLC member John Scribner has left the area, returning to Washington DC. Ballots were distributed and subsequently tallied. Election results:

Chairman -- Jim (N2IMS); Treasurer -- Warren T.; Secretary -- Irv (AF2K). New Business: Irv reminded everyone about the Out & About group Winter Picnic at Powder Mill Park on Sunday February 20th. Irv AF2K indicated he will be unable to represent FLC at the next GAGV Community Network meeting Saturday morning February 5th. Lisa (KB2DWB) said she could attend. Dave (KE2GE) reminded everyone to mark their calendar for FLC's third anniversary brunch, to be held at Grisanti's restaurant on Sunday February 20th. Irv (AF2K) reminded everyone about the January 22-23rd VHF contest activity. Dave (KE2GE) encouraged attendance at Out & About's February movie night to see Philadelphia on Friday February 11th. Motion for adjournment was made at 8:49 PM. Respectfully submitted, I.J. Goodman (AF2K), LARC/FLC Secretary. Minutes courtesy Joe (WA2NGX).

UK Age Of Consent Laws May Change

by Stuart (GOBEV)

The UK has one of the highest ages of consent for gay men in Europe at 21. An amendment to a Government Bill which is going through Parliament right now has been tabled which, if passed, would lower the age to 16 -- equality with all the rest. A compromise amendment has also been tabled which would put it at 18. A great deal of lobbying has been going on of Members of Parliament (Mps) and there is certainly a good chance that it may succeed, though it will be a close thing. The

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change has widespread support outside Parliament, particularly amongst the medical profession, and many other influential groups, as well as some quite useful patronage, even within the Church, for a change. The opposition to change comes from the usual, predictable quarters, but everyone will be keeping their fingers crossed when the vote comes, possibly within the next two weeks. It's the first chance of change for 26 years, when the matter was last voted on. As well as having practical significance for currently under-age gays, it has much symbolic importance as it would for the first time underwrite in law the principle of equality for gays, and hopefully in time it would help toward an easing of discrimination that underlies it all. Nobody knows for sure what will happen, but we're all hoping for the best.

Area Wide Repeater Serves Midwest — Offers Net & Dayton Communication Opportunities

by Bob Laycock (KA8UHL, Cleveland, OH)

The Fairfield Amateur Radio Association (FARA) in Cincinnati, Ohio, has established an area wide repeater system, WD8PRH/R on 145.19 MHz. The repeater is located in Fairfield, Ohio, and serves Ohio, western Kentucky and central/southeastern Indiana. An expansion into Canada is now being constructed.

The system contains 33 input receivers and 6 output transmitters, though not all branches of the system operate on 145.19. Each transmission is followed by a hi- or lo-pitched CW character to identify the active input receiver. The entire system is microprocessor controlled allowing each receiver and transmitter to be individually adjusted or shut-down by the control operators. Parts of the system are linked via microwave.

The system also contains an open Cincinnati-based phone patch with speed dial to the Cincinnati Police, Ohio State Patrol, Kentucky State Police, and police/fire in Hamilton, Butler and Fairfield.

This repeater offers several opportunities to LARC. First, it could serve as a frequency for an informal midwest 2-meter net. Such a net would need to be fairly brief and held during otherwise quiet hours, probably late evening. Also participants ought to contribute to FARA to support the system.

The repeater can also be used to monitor drivers' progress while traveling towards Dayton -- along with the ten million others using it for the same purpose!

Systems like this are fairly common out west, but this is a first in this area. When I lived in Los Angeles in the early '80s, I recall a system that reached all the way to Phoenix, Arizona.

If you're interested in the system or think we should explore a net, I can provide information sheets from FARA which I received at a local club meeting here last month. Write me at: Bob Laycock, KA8UHL, P.O. Box 91757, Cleveland, OH 44101-3757 ... or ... KA8UHL@aol.com

To write to FARA directly or to contribute: Fairfield Amateur Radio Association, Inc.

LARC 1995 DXpedition Set

The 1995 LARC DXpedition has been set! A fun loving group of happy-go-lucky operators will enjoy operating from VP2V — the island of Tortola, British Virgin Islands, July 1-9, 1995. The location will be near Apple Bay on the northwest coast of the island. Accommodations are being confirmed, but it looks as though we'll be the sole occupants of a group of cabins overlooking the beautiful Caribbean sea from an elevation of about 400 feet.



QRZ ... VP2V ...

To make your participation easier, a sort of LARC "Christmas Club" is being established that you can make affordable, monthly deposits into, and before you know it, your trip will be paid for in advance. It's simple, quick and easy!

We'll handle all the pesky details for you ... rooms, anticipated group food and "beverage" expenses, licensing details, island transportation (jeep, car, or minivan), etc. All you do is get an airline ticket, spending money, and pack your bags.

July was selected this year to allow more time to prepare, to take advantage of lower air fares and room rates, and to get preferential bookings for rooms.

Those going to Dayton will get to look over the photo album from the trip to VP2E, Anguilla, British West Indies this past March.

Join us and have a blast!



Better Late Than Never

You probably noticed that this issue was a little late in coming to you. Partially, it's because of the DXpedition to VP2E and partially because your editor has been up to his eyeballs in trying to produce a TV show. Our apologies for not getting this issue to you sooner.

DX in the Tropics: VP2E Hamcation

Caribbean Island Apartment for Hamcation Rental in Anguilla, British West Indies

Location: The apartment is located above Little Harbour on the side of South Hill. It is in the lower part of a private home. The apartment has its own porch, two captain's beds, a desk operating position for ham radio operators, a kitchenette (mini-fridge, stove, and sink), full bathroom with shower, and closet space. There are ceiling fans, built-in bookcase with books, a clock radio/cassette player, dishes, and cooking/eating utensils. Maid service is provided.

Rates: The rates are US\$80 per day plus 8% government tax (total US\$86.40 per day) for up to two people.

Deposit: 25% of total bill. If you cancel at least 30-days prior to your scheduled visit, we will refund your deposit in full.

Payment: Cash or check. We are unable to accept credit cards.

Rental Cars: We can arrange for you. Cost is US\$27-35 per day, depending on the time of year. The car rental agency takes credit cards and needs to see your U.S. driver's license when you pick up the car. You will receive a temporary Anguillian driver's license, which costs US\$6. Driving is on the left, but it is not difficult to get used to as there is not much traffic in Anguilla.

Getting Here: The easiest way is through San Juan, Puerto Rico. American Airlines run American Eagle service from San Juan direct to Anguilla and takes about 55 minutes. There are two flights a day, one in

the morning and the other at night. Flights leaving Anguilla are in the morning and in the afternoon.

Ham License: A VP2E license costs US\$39 for a stroke callsign (VP2E/your call). A regular VP2E callsign costs double, but can frequently be arranged. We can take you to the licensing authority to get your license.

Equipment: Bring your own rig or rent one from us. The ham position is equipped with a 25 or 50-amp Astron power supply (your choice), 12-volt power strip, antenna tuner, dummy load, antenna switch, a 2-meter voice and packet rig, packet TNC, 4-element tribander (10, 15, and 20 meters), R7 vertical (10, 12, 15, 17, 20, 30, 40 meters), Cushcraft 2-element 40-meter beam and an 80-meter sloper. Electrical supply is 120-volts AC, 60 Hz. Special arrangements can be made for moonbounce for 6- or 2-meter DXers. A 6-element six meter beam and an 18-element two meter beam are available by special arrangement. Also, a rental laptop computer with contest and logging software may be rented for US\$15 per day. So, just bring your own HF rig and favorite CW key. If you want to travel light, we can rent you an ICOM 735 with keyer and narrow CW filter at US\$20 per day.

Contact: LARC members Dave (VP2EHF) or Dorothea (VP2EE) Mann, P.O. Box 599, The Valley, Anguilla, British West Indies. Phone & FAX: (809) 497-2150 (FAX picks up after 8 rings.)

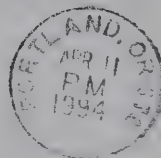
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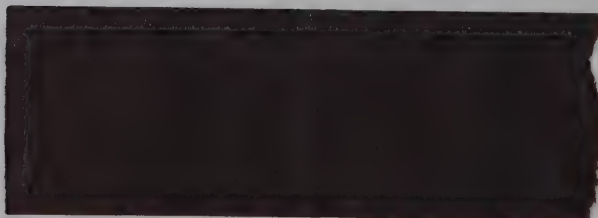
Have You Renewed Yet?

Please send in your annual LARC renewal if you haven't already done so. That way, you won't miss any issues of the Lambda Net News.

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Net Newsbits

by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

LARC DXpedition to Anguilla Set For March 5-10.

Mark your calendars and swing your beams South for next month's third annual LARC DXpedition when nine LARC members will set up HF and OSCAR stations in Sandy Ground on the Caribbean island of Anguilla. DXpedition members are Don (WB6LYI); Norm (KF7IK), Jim (KK3K) and his life partner Dan; Tom (KI4ZN); Howard (W9BVD); Wayne (AI9Q); Mark (KC3XC) and Jim (AF9A). Participants booked their flights well in advance and will converge on Anguilla March 4th and 5th. LARC DXpedition coordinator Don (WB6LYI) booked accommodations for the group at Syd-Ans apartments just 100 feet from the beach in Sandy Ground. LARC members Dave (VP2EHF) and Dorothea (VP2EHF) Mann, who live on Anguilla, are taking care of licensing for the LARC group and providing power supplies and an HF vertical antenna for the DXpedition team. Operations are planned on both HF and OSCAR 13. On HF, look for the LARC DXpedition on 14.325; 21.425 and 28.425 depending on conditions. On Oscar 13, check 145.890 on the Mode B downlink for more information. LARC will award an engraved certificate to any ham who works any LARC member(s) on HF AND satellite, OR works any LARC member(s) on OSCAR 13, Mode B AND Mode S. Last year's certificates were very popular and much sought after. Plan now to make contacts with the LARC DXpedition team in Anguilla. QSL card route is direct via the home calls.

LARC DXpedition coordinator Don (WB6LYI) sent out the following press release to ham publications worldwide announcing the LARC DXpedition:

LARC Announces DXpedition to VP2E

The Lambda Amateur Radio Club (LARC), an international club for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered hams, shortwave listeners and computer enthusiasts and their friends and supporters, will sponsor it's third DXpedition in March 1994 with LARC members planning to operate on HF and OSCAR-13 Mode B and Mode S from the Caribbean island of Anguilla, British West Indies. The team of operators and equipment are planning to be on the air March 5-10, 1994. Planned operations will include multi-band and multi-mode HF and OSCAR-13 Mode B and Mode S. This may be the first OSCAR-13 Mode S DXpedition for the record books. The operators making the trip will be Jim Kelly (KK3K), Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI), Mark Wilcox (KC3XC), Tom Hendrix (KI4ZN), Howard Wyman (W9BVD), Norm Gray (KF7IK), James Keeth (AF9A), and Wayne Schuler (AI9Q). QSL for all operators is direct to current Callbook addresses only. In March 1992, LARC sponsored OSCAR-13 Mode B DXpeditions to Anguilla, British West Indies (VP2E) and Tortola, British Virgin Islands (VP2V) and logged over 900 contacts. In March 1993, a second team of five LARC operators put the island nation of Montserrat (VP2M) on OSCAR-13 Mode B and logged over 1150 contacts. To make contacting the LARC VP2E DXpedition even more exciting, the club will automatically mail an engraved certificate to every station who successfully works either any HF operator and any OSCAR-13 operator OR any OSCAR-13 Mode B operator and any OSCAR-13 Mode S operator during the DXpedition. The club has members in nine countries and local chapters around the United States. The Lambda Amateur Radio Club International Headquarters address is: P.O. Box

24810, Philadelphia, PA, USA, 19130, telephone (215) 978-5272.

Los Angeles LARC Members Survive The Quake

Preliminary reports out of Los Angeles indicate that LARC members living in the area sustained only minor damage and no injuries as a result of the powerful earthquake that hit the area in mid-January. Lambda Net News editor Don (WB6LYI) reported no damage at his location in Long Beach, although he was awakened by the intensity of the earthquake. Various 20 meter frequencies carried traffic in and out of Los Angeles as telephone access from the outside was very difficult immediately after the event. LARC Planning For Hamvention '94 LARC Hamvention Housing reservation forms were included with last month's newsletter. Members are advised to submit their reservations to W9BVD ASAP since space is limited and will be allotted on a first come, first served basis. LARC Hamvention '94 Headquarters hotel: EconoLodge (2221 Wagoner-Ford Road); Annual Club Business Meeting: Saturday, April 30, 1993 — Dayton EconoLodge, 6 PM; Annual Club Banquet: Saturday, April 30, 1993 -Bombay Bicycle Club(1 block West of EconoLodge), 8 PM.

ARRL: Discrimination Is OK As Long As It's Not Illegal

According to LARC attorney John Lynch, ARRL lawyers recently complained to the Connecticut State Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities investigator that the League should not be held accountable for their practices vis-a-vis LARC prior to the passage of the law in Connecticut which outlaws discrimination based on sexual orientation. The law went into effect in late 1991. Apparently,

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President's Key

by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)
President, LARC

The latest ploy of the ARRL shows just how bankrupt League policy actually is. Now they're saying that since it wasn't against the law to discriminate against LARC between 1985 and 1991, don't blame them. I wonder, is this the way the ARRL conducts itself generally, i.e., if it's not illegal to do something, then go ahead and do it even if it's ethically wrong? Where are their principles? Do they have any principles? What do they stand for ... anything at all as long as it's not illegal?

The ARRL should get its act together and adopt sensible and fair business and employment policies and practices. One of the things LARC has suggested that the ARRL do is to adopt and publish a corporate policy stating that the ARRL does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, sexual orientation, etc. Many, many corporations have adopted non-discriminatory policies because they realize that it's good business and the right thing to do. However, the League has not moved on this even though we suggested it over a year ago. They don't have to wait for our complaint to be settled to do this. They could and should do it now. They should have done it a long time ago ... that is, if they had any principles.

Last month when President Clinton got into hot water over his involvement in the White Water Land Development project, politicians and commentators from all quarters gave him the same advice: "If you have nothing to hide, then put it all out there in the open ... get it out." The same advice goes for ARRL Executive Vice-President Dave Sumner, who writes a monthly column in *QST*. Mr. Sumner, if you have nothing to hide relative to the way the ARRL has treated LARC since 1985, and if you believe, as your lawyers have suggested, that the League is not responsible for its discriminatory practices against LARC prior to passage of the Connecticut statute, then why not say so in your column. If you don't, then like President Clinton, you must have something to hide, right? Like the fact that the ARRL is suffering from a total lack of principals!

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the League position is that it was OK for them to discriminate against LARC between 1985 and 1991 because it was not against the law to do so at the time!

N0YWV New LARC Lending Librarian

Art (N0YWV) has volunteered to take responsibility for the LARC lending library. The library currently contains a number of code tapes and textbooks. Art will catalogue the library, eliminate out of date materials, and propose items for acquisition at club expense for the library. Members who wish to donate materials to the library can send them directly to Art at 425 E. Willamette, #24, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. Members who would like to make use of library materials should also contact Art to arrange a loan. Thanks also to Carl (AB6MV) who also volunteered to be LARC's lending librarian.

Renewal Drive Concluding

Thanks to all members who have responded to our 1994 membership renewal drive. So far, 77 members have renewed for one or more years, in addition to those who already hold multi-year memberships. The current active membership total is 86. Several LARC family membership renewals has been received. The officers would especially like to thank the following members who sent in an additional contribution over and above their dues: WA0CFQ; KA2EGO; W4/G4JKE; WB4ZMK; VP2EE & VP2EHF; KC3XC & Ted; WA3NGD & Thurmund; W9BVD; KB5WZP & AA6GA. Final Reminder: don't risk missing the next issue of the *Lambda Net News*! LARC members who have not as yet renewed their memberships for 1994 are urged to send in their completed renewals as soon as possible so that we can complete our database update. If you need another renewal form, you can request one by writing to the club POB or by calling the LARC hotline (215) 978-LARC.

HF LARC NET Activity

LARC nets got off to a good start for 1994 on Sunday, January 2, 1994 with nets on both 20 and 15 meters. There were six check-ins: W4/G4JKE; KI4ZN; KK3K; WK8X; W9BVD and KC0K. Conditions on HF were much better on Sunday, January 9, even if the WX was horrible particularly in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions. On January 9th there were 10 check-ins including: KI4ZN; WA0CFQ; AF2K; K4UW; W9BVD/4; WK8X; K3RGB; W4/G4JKE; WB5MEI/mobile and WA2NGX. AF2K reported 22 inches of snow and KK3K reported severe ice loading on all antennas. WB5MEI noted that former LARC member Leonard (KB8DOA) had relocated to Dallas and would soon rejoin the ranks of active LARC members. WA0CFQ reported on his trip to San Francisco

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Membership Roster

Membership rosters are published several times each year and will be inserted into an issue of the LAMBDA NET NEWS. This summarized roster lists basic member information. If you'd like to receive a highly detailed, in-depth listing of each member, just send a 9" x 12" self-addressed envelope with \$1.90 postage affixed and a custom printed roster will be on its way to you. This way, you can have an updated roster as often

LARC Chapter Directory

City of Brotherly Love (COBL) Chapter

Contact: Jim Kelly (KK3K)
P.O. Box 24810
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(215) 978-LARC

Serves Phila. metro area including S. Jersey, N. Delaware, and Maryland. Meetings every 6-8 weeks. No dues. Note: Chapter presently inactive.

Finger Lakes Chapter — 1993

Contact: Dave Minchella (KE2GE)
80 Campfire Rd. North
Henrietta, NY 14467
(716) 359-3337

Serves western and central NY state. Meetings 3rd Friday each month for dinner and meeting. Dues are \$5 per year. Chapter outings to local attractions.

Gateway (GLARC) Chapter — 1993

Contact: Bob Hamilton (WA0S)
2301 Park Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63104-2541
(314) 773-4056

Serves midwest. Meetings 1st Thursday of each month. Call for location.

Hollywood Chapter — 1993

Personal Stuff

I would like to correspond with any LARC members who are or were nightclub D.J.s or who collect modern dance music. Write or call —

Robert Baker, WA2IEK
262 40th Street
Irvington, NJ 07111-1149
(201) 374-9631

Would like to meet ham (or aspiring ham) for friendship and possible relationship.

Dale A. Clark, WA0CFQ
Box 668
Wellsville, KS 66092
(913) 883-4090

(Leave message on machine if I'm out.)

I would like to share my home and expense with a compatible ham.

LeRoy D. Lawhorn, W4VIV
Lambda #1095
213 McDonald Street
Greenville, SC 29609-5630

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during the holidays. On Sunday, January 16 there were nine check-ins on 20 meters and conditions were very good: WA0CFQ; AF2K; KK3K; WK8X; KI4ZN; W4/G4JKE; WB6YYZ/3; WA2NGX and WB5MEI.

Welcome New Members

Welcome aboard to Steve (N2NLN) of Lindenwold, NJ and David (N8VTG) of Redford, MI.

Chapter News

The Sunshine Chapter will be playing host to LARC members planning to attend the Orlando Hamcation scheduled for February 18, 19 & 20. According to chapter President Tom (KI4ZN), LARC members planning to attend include: W4/G4JKE; W9BVD; N2QBN; WK8X; KI4ZN; WB4ZMK; KE4AUX and KD4WOW. Tom has prepared the first issue of the Sunshine Chapter's newsletter which will probably be published by the time this article appears.

Member Correspondence

From John (WK8X): John and his life partner Dwight will be in Orlando starting February 18th visiting with Jim (WB4ZMK) and Tom (KI4ZN) and Dick. John will be able to attend the Orlando Hamcation which is scheduled for the weekend of February 18th. John secured another LARC listing in the Network News, a publication of the Lesbian and Gay Community Network, Inc. of Western Michigan. An ad for John's company, "Americomm - Two Way Radio Systems" also appears in the newsletter. Here's hoping both ads get a big response!

Tales of the City On TV Sparks LARC E-Mail Commentary

Here are some of the excerpts of the E-Mail discussion on the larc@seta.fi internet mail server that took place during the week that PBS showed the British production of Armistead Maupin's book: (KK3K) — "The wonderful English production of Maupin's 'Tales' has started playing here in the US. In Philadelphia, it is being shown on two different PBS stations. One station is showing a censored version in which language is edited out and nudity is removed via 'pixelating.' The other station, luckily, is showing a mostly uncensored version. Last night, part one aired. It was wonderful. 'Mouse' is a real doll, and it was great to see him kiss his new friend in bed the morning after, and to watch them cuddle in bed. The crazies of the right wing and the religious nuts must be convulsing over this on TV. A nude gay beach, gay men lovingly hugging and kissing each other in bed, funny cigarettes, gay AND straight bathhouses ... I love it ... love it all."

(OH1BM) — "It certainly is something we've been waiting for. My boyfriend Micke

visited the UK and participated in the Glasgow festival. What he brought with him home was a set of videotapes containing the 5 first parts of the film shown in Channel 4 in UK. By now, some 20 of your friends in Helsinki have seen the tapes and everybody is just fascinated. A proposal to the finnish BC-company is made suggesting they'd show it in the national TV-network."

(Jack Hamilton) — "Mouse has too many muscles, but nobody's perfect."

(OH1BM) — "Mouse's muscles make my knees weak...."

(N2IKR) — I nearly missed it! It was pure luck that a friend told me about it on SUNDAY!! These books, especially the third (unfortunately) are very important to me. To a large extent they actually show the kinds of friends I have and the kind of life I've always wanted to lead...Four years ago when I showed 'Letter to Mama' to one of my students he copied it down and sent it to his Mom to break the news to her. The play worked!"

(Jack Hamilton) — "I liked the way they were showing both gay and straight relationships. Hard to imagine CBS doing it right, isn't it? I hope Jesse Helms is having a heart attack. They're showing the censored version in North Carolina, a friend tells me. I like the music they're using. I was in my 20's in the 70's, so it reminds me of my distant youth. There are a few changes from the book, but nothing that matters, and the actors are great."

(N2IKR) — "Last night the thought actually came into my head to have my parents watch this series so that they could better understand what MY priorities are ... The Tales of the City series, especially the first three books, reflect and enhance my definition of family; a definition that I feel is very important to any gay person in today's society. The books show what friends will do for friends and also show how unimportant orientation should be among people."

(KA1MQX) — "A lesbian friend (who has not read the books yet) thought, after the first night, that Mona was very attractive. When D'orothea, Mona's former and future lover appeared on the second night, she nearly flipped. So here's what Margaret and I are doing. We're going to Baghdad-by-the-Bay, and we're splitting this couple up. She gets Mona, I get Mouse! I think his muscles are just right. They're on him, after all. A friend called me at the intermission to say 'ha ha he can't dance.' I don't care."

(KK3K) — "Part Two was great! I especially liked the way "Brian" the 'womanizer' turns out to be a burnt-out lawyer with a heart of gold who worked for no money for progressive causes. What a sweetheart!"

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(K8UHL) — "I, too, have been enjoying Tales Of The City on the local PBS station. Our version seems pretty uncensored...I'm writing the station to thank them for carrying it. We should all do the same! P.S.: #14 and can dance with his smile and underwear for me anytime!

(G0BEV) — It was particularly nice to see the very positive reception from one and all of Tales of the City — I was sure you would all like it and I don't think I was at all wrong in my guess who would come out top of the ratings either! Oddly enough, the whole series didn't create much of a stir over here, or elicit all that much comment in the press, adverse or otherwise, though most of the critics liked it. But it's good to see that it has touched more than a minor chord with many of you over there, and indeed some of the comments show that it has reached a little deeper than might have been expected."

America On Line Gay Hams Discussion Underway

by Bob (K8UHL)

A discussion of LARC and gay hams may be starting on America Online in the tradition of CompuServe, GEnie and the Internet. Cleveland LARC member Brian DeWitt (N8VTA) subscribed to AOL this weekend and in his first exploration discovered a discussion of gay hams in the Ham Radio section. N6GNQ (anyone know him?) opened a discussion folder around Christmas entitled "Gay Hams???" suggesting that to censor one group threatens all groups. Four posts followed with such insightful one-liners as "Another nutty issue" and "Good grief!!"

It's not clear what inspired N6GNQ to raise the topic, but I added two posts about LARC this morning — so Brian, myself and fellow LARC members on AOL should gear ourselves up to respond to any subsequent posts. Brian and I intend to keep our contributions calm, intelligent and even humorous if possible.

(Excerpts of Bob's posts to AOL): "Actually, this isn't such a nutty issue at all. Gays are in amateur radio just as we are in every walk of life. About 10% of the population, give or take, is gay. It stands to reason that about 62,000 of the 630,000 U.S. hams are gay. In fact, there is an international amateur radio club for gay, lesbian and bisexual hams: the Lambda Amateur Radio Club (LARC) ... The issue of censorship, raised by [John N6GNQ], is a serious one. LARC has encountered prejudice within the amateur community. Since 1985, LARC has been denied

permission by the ARRL to run an ad in QST simply announcing our existence and address. LARC tried for six years to reason with the League in letters, meetings with board members and discussions with staff from Newington. None of this succeeded, so LARC now has a discrimination complaint against the ARRL pending before the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities.

The ARRL is incorporated in Connecticut, which as a state human rights law forbidding discrimination based on sexual orientation. These things move slowly, but we hope a determination will be made by the Commission in the near future. It should go without saying, but LARC does not discuss sexual matters on-the-air or in its ads. LARC is an amateur radio club whose members just happen to be gay or support gay rights (we have non-gay members too). Our activities are focused primarily on the radio hobby, and we have brought many new people into amateur radio. One member passed his Advanced test within seven months of first learning about amateur radio via LARC. It is not unusual for ham radio operators to congregate around ostensibly non-radio-related interests — such as computers or careers, for instance. You see examples of this each month in the "Strays" items scattered throughout the pages of QST. This is what LARC is all about. LARC is one among thousands of ham radio clubs across the country that is having fun while building this rewarding and important hobby. In a hobby that claims to build bridges among peoples and cultures around the globe, it doesn't make sense to discriminate against or censor fellow hams based upon prejudice or stereotyped beliefs."

Take Back 11 Meters

(Source: Amateur Radio newswire)

If you are not on packet then you may not be aware that a growing number hams around the nation are sounding a call to arms. A call with the aim of taking part 11 meters back from Citizens Radio and turning it over to Novice and no-code Technician class hams. No, its not a joke. In fact, those involved seem very serious and are looking to do it the right way. The political way by petitioning the FCC to make the change. The debate on this issue started a few weeks ago on packet when Tom Saluti, N1KIO of New Durham New Hampshire posted an All United States bulletin dealing with the subject. If you are active on packet then you are aware of the high level of support that Tom's idea has.

For those of you who are not packeteers, heres the story. In his posting, N1KIO called the 11 meter band — more accurately the 10 1/2 meter band — as being — and we quote — "a wasteland that even the government can't use. This Tom says is because operators have taken it over from 26.000 to 28.000 Mhz and sometimes even make excursions into the 10 meter ham band. He went on to note that with the FCC having taken away some frequencies from Amateur Radio that it might be time for them to give some spectrum back. This by abandoning their own efforts to handle the 10 1/2 meter problem and turn 27.500 to 28.000 over to the Amateur Radio service. He says that radio amateurs can easily solve the mess by permitting Novices and Techs to run CW and data from 27.500 to 27.700 and voice operation from 27.700 to 28.000 Mhz. Since its posting, the N1KIO bulletin has been highly controversial. Not over the idea of running the illegal operators off of 11 meters and getting it reassigned as a ham radio band. Almost every commenter wants to see that happen. The problem seems to be on how to do it. Many hams appear have a high level animosity toward the Freeband illegals but a number question how to get the FCC to take the request seriously. One responses gaining a lot of support suggests that a petition be circulated by packet radio where signatures and call signs could be added. Then after a few months a final print out can be sent to the Private Radio Bureau as a rule making request. No matter what the outcome of the discussion going on packet, one thing is certain. A fire is being fanned by a desire of no-code hams to have access to the high frequency bands. It is growing, and the illegal operators on 10 1/2 meters may soon find hot cinders falling in their self proclaimed Freeband as radio amateurs take a political route to oust the current crop of illegal operators and open 10 1/2 meters to ham radio. Stay tuned.

New Rain Dial Up Service Phone Number

(Source: Amateur Radio Newswire)

Chicago's popular Rain Dial Up Service has changed its telephone number. As of Thursday December the 30th, the new number is area code (708) 827-7246. The Rain dial up provides repeaters and other bulletin stations with in depth reports on subjects of contemporary interest to the ham community. Again the new number is area code (708) 827-7246 or simply (708) 827-RAIN.

Dayton Hamvention Coming Soon

We're going to have a "full house" this year — don't miss out on the fun!

Lambda Amateur Radio Club
Lambda Net Schedules

EUROPEAN SCHEDULE

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| SSB | Sunday | 1300 UTC | All Year | 7.050 MHz |
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TRANS-ATLANTIC SCHEDULE

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| SSB | Sunday | 1500 UTC | All Year | NOVICES! | 21.425 MHz |
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U.S.A. NATIONAL SCHEDULES

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| FM | | National LARC Simplex Frequency | 145.800 MHz |
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| SSB | Sunday | 1900 UTC | All Year | 14.325 MHz |
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| SSB | Sunday | 1930 UTC | All Year | 21.425 MHz |
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| SSB | Sunday | 2000 UTC | All Year | Primary | 18.135 MHz |
| | | | | Alternate | 28.425 MHz |

EASTERN U.S.A. SCHEDULES

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| SSB | Sunday | 0945 | Local Eastern Time (FL/SE) | 7.280 MHz |
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| SSB | Sunday | 2145 | Local Eastern Time (NE) | 3.860 MHz |
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| SSB | Thursday | 1830 | Local Eastern Time (EST) | 3.860 MHz |
| | | | Local Eastern Time (EDT) | 7.235 MHz |

CENTRAL U.S.A. SCHEDULE

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| SSB | Wednesday | 2030 | Local Central Time | 3.860 MHz |
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| SSB | Sunday | 2100 UTC | All Year | 7.235 MHz |
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OSCAR-13 MODE B

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| SSB | Check 145.890 downlink |
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(All schedules are + or - QRM)

DX in the Tropics: VP2E Hamcation

Caribbean Island Apartment for Hamcation Rental in Anguilla, British West Indies

Location: The apartment is located above Little Harbour on the side of South Hill. It is in the lower part of a private home. The apartment has its own porch, two captain's beds, a desk operating position for ham radio operators, a kitchenette (mini-fridge, stove, and sink), full bathroom with shower, and closet space. There are ceiling fans, built-in bookcase with books, a clock radio/cassette player, dishes, and cooking/eating utensils. Maid service is provided.

Rates: The rates are US\$80 per day plus 8% government tax (total US\$86.40 per day) for up to two people.

Deposit: 25% of total bill. If you cancel at least 30-days prior to your scheduled visit, we will refund your deposit in full.

Payment: Cash or check. We are unable to accept credit cards.

Rental Cars: We can arrange for you. Cost is US\$27-35 per day, depending on the time of year. The car rental agency takes credit cards and needs to see your U.S. driver's license when you pick up the car. You will receive a temporary Anguillian driver's license, which costs US\$6. Driving is on the left, but it is not difficult to get used to as there is not much traffic in Anguilla.

Getting Here: The easiest way is through San Juan, Puerto Rico. American Airlines run American Eagle service from San Juan direct to Anguilla and takes about 55 minutes. There are two flights a day, one in

the morning and the other at night. Flights leaving Anguilla are in the morning and in the afternoon.

Ham License: A VP2E license costs US\$39 for a stroke call sign (VP2E/your call). A regular VP2E call sign costs double, but can frequently be arranged. We can take you to the licensing authority to get your license.

Equipment: Bring your own rig or rent one from us. The ham position is equipped with a 25 or 50-amp Astron power supply (your choice), 12-volt power strip, antenna tuner, dummy load, antenna switch, a 2-meter voice and packet rig, packet TNC, 4-element tribander (10, 15, and 20 meters), R7 vertical (10, 12, 15, 17, 20, 30, 40 meters), Cushcraft 2-element 40-meter beam and an 80-meter sloper. Electrical supply is 120-volts AC, 60 Hz. Special arrangements can be made for moonbounce for 6- or 2-meter DXers. A 6-element six meter beam and an 18-element two meter beam are available by special arrangement. Also, a rental laptop computer with contest and logging software may be rented for US\$15 per day. So, just bring your own HF rig and favorite CW key. If you want to travel light, we can rent you an ICOM 735 with keyer and narrow CW filter at US\$20 per day.

Contact: LARC members Dave (VP2EHF) or Dorothea (VP2EE) Mann, P.O. Box 599, The Valley, Anguilla, British West Indies. Phone & FAX: (809) 497-2150 (FAX picks up after 8 rings.)

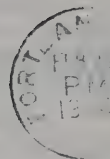
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The earlier, the better! Take a moment and send in the form today!

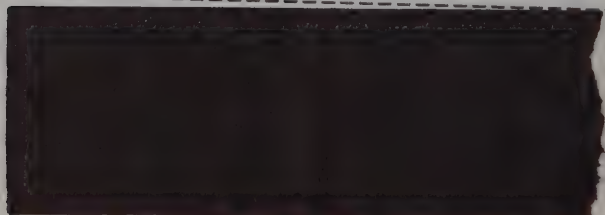
Have You Renewed Yet?

Please send in your annual LARC renewal if you haven't already done so. That way, you won't any issues of the Lambda Net News.

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Net Newsbits

by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

LARC gearing up for Anguilla DXpedition and Hamvention '94

1994 will be an exciting year for LARC! The third annual LARC DXpedition to the Island of Anguilla is on track for March 4-11, 1994. LARC DXpedition coordinator Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI) is handling arrangements with the LARC DXpedition headquarters hotel in Anguilla and he plans to issue a press release announcing the DXpedition this month. LARC members Dave (VP2EHF) and Dorothea (VP2EE) Mann are assisting with the licensing of the LARC DXpedition team. This year's LARC DXpedition members are: Don (WB6LYI); Norm (KF7IK); Tom (KI4ZN); Jim (AF9A); Jim (KK3K); Wayne (AI9Q); Mark (KC3XC) and Howard (W9BVD). Don's friend Ed and Jim's life partner Dan are also joining the team making a total of ten participants. Both HF and Satellite operations are planned.

Dayton Hamvention

The Dayton Amateur Radio Association, Inc. mailed out Hamvention '94 announcements last month. LARC Hamvention Housing reservation forms were included with last month's newsletter. Members are advised to submit their reservations to W9BVD ASAP since space is limited and will be allotted on a first come, first served basis. Larry (N4VA) wrote in to suggest that LARC take advantage of the free publicity offered by Hamvention organizers. Hamvention mailings and the official programs list the unofficial Hamvention-related activities of organizations whose members are attending the Hamvention. LARC President Jim (KK3K) followed up on Larry's suggestion with the following letter to Hamvention organizers:

Unofficial Activities — Suite 108, 4500 Wadsworth Road, Dayton, OH 45414-4700, December 22, 1993

Gentlemen:

We would appreciate a listing of our organization's Hamvention-related activities in the next Hamvention mailer and in the official Hamvention '94 program.

Headquarters hotel: EconoLodge (2221 Wagoner-Ford Road); Annual Club Business Meeting: Saturday, April 30, 1993 — Dayton EconoLodge, 6 PM

Annual Club Banquet: Saturday, April 30, 1993 — Bombay Bicycle Club (1 block West of EconoLodge), 8 PM.

Thank you, and 73, Jim Kelly, KK3K, President, Lambda Amateur Radio Club.

Renewal drive continuing

LARC members who have not as yet renewed their memberships for 1994 are urged to send in their completed renewals as soon as possible so that we can complete our database update. A revised chapter affiliation form is being prepared and will be available soon. If you need another renewal form, you can request one by writing to the club POB or by calling the LARC hotline (215) 978-LARC.

Welcome new members

Mike Beech (Unl) of Newark, DE; Rich McLemore (N9TFF) of Indianapolis, IN; John Pulhamus (N4VXF) of Holland Patent, NY; Craig Hubbard (N2DLJ) of Southampton, NY; and David Duquette (N1DZH) of Springfield, MA.

Chapter news

The Sunshine chapter of LARC (N. Central Florida) is now organized and the initial slate of officers obtained by ballot are: Tom Hendrix (KI4ZN), president; Jim Hamilton (WB4ZMK), vice president; Jason Rodgers (KE4AUX), secretary; and Robert (Bob) Pacetelli (KD4WOW), treasurer. There is some concern as

to the number of officers required and this will be decided at the first meeting of our group.

The North Coast Chapter (Cleveland, OH) is official. Ray (N8KBF) sent in the completed chapter affiliation application, and so they're ready to roll! They've elected not to share dues with LARC International since their expenses are trivial. Therefore, 100% of their LARC dues will be retained by LARC International. The North Coast Chapter had a holiday dinner at a popular east side restaurant. Attendance included Bob (KA8UHL); Brian (N8VTA); Ray (N8KBF) and Ray's friend, Rich. Chapter members are rotating newsletter duties. Ray (N8KBF) will be putting out a new edition soon. On that point, they've been approached to contribute their local newsletters to the new Gay Archives project at the Western Reserve Historical Society In Cleveland.

Member correspondence

From Bob (KA8UHL): Ray (N8KBF) has a new E-mail address: 73235.406@compuserve.com. Brian (N8VTA) will be joining America Online in January. Brian arranged for an on-going classified ad in the Gay People's Chronicle in Cleveland. He's struck a deal with them, sort of an "employee's perk"! Brian's lover, Doug, is now talking about getting a license. Bad news, unfortunately, regarding Janice (N8TYV): Janice is an employee of Boeing here working on the space station and has been laid-off effective December 23rd. "Happy Holidays", right? She's looking, but there's not a lot around. She's also very out, which is causing security clearance problems. Keep your chin up Janice, and good luck with the job hunting!

Tom (WA9LKD) is now on packet. His address is: WA9LKD @ WB0BLR.#SWIA.IA.USA.NA.

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President's Key

by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)
President, LARC

One of our new members, David (N1DZH) wrote the following on his recent LARC membership application: "Advertise is all radio oriented magazines. I only wish I'd known about LARC earlier!" David, so do we! But as LARC members who have been in the club for a few years know, we've tried hard to advertise in each of the major ham publications. Unfortunately, we've been frozen out of QST since 1985, and the publisher of 73 Amateur Radio Today will no longer allow us to advertise in his magazine because we've asked the State of Connecticut to intervene on our behalf to end the anti-gay discriminatory practices of the ARRL. Only one of the three major ham radio publications, CQ Magazine, currently permits us to advertise. League officials should be ashamed to read that hams like David cannot easily find and join LARC thanks to their bigotry.

We've tried just about every alternative method of publicizing the club that we can think of. We've sponsored DXpeditions, issued world-wide press releases, written many letters, distributed leaflets at the Dayton Hamvention, met personally with scores of hobby VIPs, given taped interviews, published articles, and used computer networks to get the word out about LARC.

Some of our efforts have paid off. Recently, Don (WB6LYI) received a number of very supportive E-Mail messages from hams in response to his posting of a general LARC informational message to several ham newsgroups on the Internet. The support we're receiving proves that there are many fair-minded hams who do not support discrimination against gays. Some of them are even willing to go to bat for us with their ARRL officials!

We have done two things to get us to this point. First, we've challenged the discrimination directed at us from within the hobby. Second, we've done so in a public manner. It's important to realize that people can't help us if they don't know about us, who we are, and what problems we're encountering. Therefore, we must continue to be forthright and public in our determination to be treated in a fair and just manner. We can't go wrong as long as we tell the truth and seek justice. That's the reason why the ARRL has been silent about LARC for eight years now. They can't easily defend an unfair and unjust policy.

I think a recap of our situation with the ARRL might be useful at this time since some individuals like David are not aware of our problems with the ARRL, while others have asked what we are seeking. Basically, we are seeking an agreement on the part of the ARRL to end the discriminatory practices directed at LARC (refusal to run our classified ads), adoption and publication by the League of a corporate non-discriminatory policy which includes sexual minorities, recognition on the ARRL's part that their past discriminatory practices have hurt our organization, and a willingness on their part to work with our club to repair the damage done to our organization and help us grow consistent with the ARRL mission to promote amateur radio. This last point can only be satisfied if LARC has equal access to the pages of QST and is identified in print as a ham radio club primarily serving gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgendered hams. It is important to note that our discrimination complaint remains pending because the ARRL has not agreed to cease discriminatory practices against LARC. In fact, they deny that they have discriminated against LARC. The ARRL has said that they believe our complaint is moot since they have agreed to run an ad which LARC submitted in 1991. However, LARC has no guarantee that this decision would not be reversed and our ad once again removed from the pages of QST. The Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities investigator has indicated, contrary to the statement of ARRL officials, that the case is not moot.

LARC stands ready, as we have since 1985, to work with the ARRL for the betterment of amateur radio. However, there is no place in amateur radio for discrimination of any kind. We are prepared to negotiate a settlement to our discrimination complaint.

However, the ARRL has been silent on this issue for eight years and has thus far not indicated a willingness to negotiate, renounce past discriminatory policies, or work with LARC to promote amateur radio.

Until such time as the leadership of the League renounces their past discriminatory policies and practices once and for all, and the League returns to spirit of its motto "Of, by and for the radio amateur" including all amateurs, gay and straight, LARC will continue to seek justice and fair treatment in the State of Connecticut and in the court of public opinion.

But, until we're successful in finally ending the discrimination, hams like David will continue to have difficulty finding out about LARC. Shame, shame on the ARRL for that! de KK3K

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Membership rosters are published several times each year and will be inserted into an issue of the LAMBDA NET NEWS. This summarized roster lists basic member information. If you'd like to receive a highly detailed, in-depth listing of each member, just send a 9" x 12" self-addressed envelope with \$1.90 postage affixed and a custom printed roster will be on its way to you. This way, you can have an updated roster as often

See You At the Dayton Hamvention!

LARC Chapter Directory

City of Brotherly Love (COBL) Chapter

Contact: Jim Kelly (KK3K)

P.O. Box 24810

Philadelphia, PA 19130

(215) 978-LARC

Serves Phila. metro area including S. Jersey, N. Delaware, and Maryland. Meetings every 6-8 weeks. No dues. Note: Chapter presently inactive.

Finger Lakes Chapter — 1993

Contact: Dave Minchella (KE2GE)

80 Campfire Rd. North

Henrietta, NY 14467

(716) 359-3337

Serves western and central NY state. Meetings 3rd Friday each month for dinner and meeting. Dues are \$5 per year. Chapter outings to local attractions.

Gateway (GLARC) Chapter — 1993

Contact: Bob Hamilton (WA0S)

2301 Park Avenue

St. Louis, MO 63104-2541

(314) 773-4056

Serves midwest. Meetings 1st Thursday of each month. Call for location.

Hollywood Chapter — 1993

Personal Stuff

I would like to correspond with any LARC members who are or were nightclub D.J.s or who collect modern dance music. Write or call —

Robert Baker, WA2IEK
262 40th Street
Irvington, NJ 07111-1149
(201) 374-9631

Would like to meet ham (or aspiring ham) for friendship and possible relationship.

Dale A. Clark, WA0CFQ
Box 668
Wellsville, KS 66092
(913) 883-4090

(Leave message on machine if I'm out.)

I would like to share my home and expense with a compatible ham.

LeRoy D. Lawhorn, W4VIV
Lambda #1095
213 McDonald Street
Greenville, SC 29609-5630

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Holiday Greetings to everyone in LARC from Dave (KG8DV) and Cindy (N8VZX) Dean and Family.

From Dominic (KD6EDJ): "I upgraded to General status this past summer...I purchased a Yaesu FT-990 radio and have found it to be a real nice unit. My only problem with it is that I live in a townhouse that does not allow outside antennas. I have made three coaxial dipole (bazooka) antennas that fit and work fairly well. I have them for 10m, 15m and 20m, and they are installed in my attic ... I am limited to antenna space of about 32 feet ..."

Correction

Last month's newsletter included an article on page 6 entitled "Cactus Antenna." Source credit to Amateur Radio Newsline for this article was omitted. We apologize for the error.

FCC approves vanity call sign plan

(Source: Amateur Radio Newsline)

The FCC says that amateurs should be able to choose their own call signs in the not to distant future. This, as soon as a new automated processing system is in place at the Commission's Private Radio Bureau license processing facility in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Under the proposed system, hams wishing to apply for an available call sign will be required to file a form and pay an additional fee. Trustees of club and military recreation stations will be eligible for the new program. But there is one caveat. Newcomers to the service will not be eligible for vanity call signs until they are ready to upgrade or make some other license change. The FCC says that at the present time call sign selection by first-time licensees is not feasible, but it left the door open for that possibility in the future. In fact, the FCC indicates that the new license processing computer might eventually allow amateurs to check for themselves on the availability of call signs, be used to allow electronic filing of applications and make licenses processing a lot easier for both the applicant and FCC. The text of the Notice of Proposed Rule Making is not yet available but is expected to be issued shortly. Also acted on by the commission was the cancellation of a rule making procedure adopted last summer establishing a call sign administrator program for amateur club and military stations. This scheme was never implemented due to in-fighting between the ARRL which wanted exclusivity in managing the program and several other entities that saw the chance to gain political or financial advantage by undertaking the task.

New Jersey may impose fees on hams

(by John Magliacane (KD2BD), courtesy AMSAT BBS) The Department of Environmental Protection and Energy in New Jersey is proposing a fee pertaining to owners of RF generating devices. In summary, the proposed rule will require the owners of sources of radio frequency and microwave radiation between the frequencies of 300 KHz and 100 GHz that have the potential of exposing either workers or the general public to radiation levels in excess of the regulatory limits specified in N.J.A.C. 7:28-42 Radio Frequency Radiation and all owners of radio frequency and microwave heaters, sealers and industrial ovens to register those sources with the Department within 60 calendar days after the effective date of this rule. The owners of all units that are subject to this rule shall be assessed an initial registration fee and will be required to provide technical information to the Department. After the first year of the program, the owners of registered units will be assessed an annual renewal fee.

Although initial and annual registration fees are not outlined for Amateur Stations, Amateur Radio is mentioned in several sections of the DEPE proposal as being a significant source of radio frequency radiation that poses health risks to the general public. As a reference, the median fee for commercial users will be approximately \$500 per antenna if this proposal is passed. The proposed new rules will provide the Department with the financial and informational resources it needs to enforce the radio frequency radiation protection provisions of N.J.A.C. 7:28-42 and are therefore expected to have a positive social impact. The more familiar applications of radio frequency radiation are AM and FM radio, television, amateur radio, microwave ovens, radar, microwave point-to-point and ground-to-satellite telecommunications links, and other communications services. Radio frequency and microwave sources are also widely used in industrial heating and sealing operations. The steady increase in the number of these sources, coupled with a better understanding of their biological effects on human beings, has heightened concerns in the scientific community and in the public about the potential adverse health effects from exposure to this type of radiation.

Non-ionizing radiation sources have steadily increased in number and their uses have so diversified that a general increase in radiation levels in the environment has occurred. Extensive radio frequency radiation measurements made by the EPA have shown that the sources most likely to produce the highest environmental levels are television and radio broadcast stations. Other

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significant, but less intense, sources of radio frequency radiation are transmitting satellite earth station antennas, microwave point-to-point communications antennas, cellular telephone cell-site antenna base stations, amateur radio stations, navigational aids and radar. Radio frequency heaters and sealers are generally located indoors and it is not currently known how intense the radiation emitted by these is outside the buildings in which they are housed. Because the new proposed rules will support a staff to ensure that all of the aforementioned sources are in compliance with the radiation limits set forth in N.J.A.C. 7:28-42, the new rule will have positive impact of reducing the levels of non-ionizing radiation in the environment. I suggest that comments be directed directly to the Department of Environmental Protection and Energy of New Jersey as outlined above. Those outside New Jersey aren't out of the clear on this issue because if this proposal passes, it could be justification for a national ruling on radio frequency radiation that could KILL Amateur Radio for good!

Long Island antenna defense fund

(Source: Amateur Radio Newsline)

Amateur radio operators out on New York's Long Island are seeking national support to fight the local zoning board within the Town of Hempstead. On October 6th the Zoning Board of Appeals denied amateur radio operator Mark Nadel, NK2T the right to maintain his 55 foot radio tower. The reason for the denial was based on two neighbors had filed complaints about radio frequency interference to their home entertainment equipment. In other words, the town of Hempstead is saying that it is taking on the jurisdiction of the FCC and the townships lawyers add that they have the right to do just that. This, even if it means openly challenging the federal government and its communications control agency, the FCC. The decision against Nadel is precedent setting and reads in part as follows. We quote: "The board finds that the proposed and existing height of 55 feet has had a devastating effect on several of the residents. The transmission of applicants come over the telephone, television and electronic equipment of the neighbors and interfere substantially with those neighbors use of such facilities. The Board has weighed the benefit to the applicant as

against the detriment to the neighbors, and finds that the detriment far outweighs any benefit to the applicant." — end quote.

Word is that Hempstead is prepared to spend any amount of money to argue this case in all jurisdictions including the United States Supreme Court. As a result, it now appears as if the only way that Nadel can have this decision overturned is to take it to court himself. He and other hams in Hempstead have been given no other choice than to fight. In order to help NK2T overcome this unacceptable decision an organization has been formed know as RADIO. This is an acronym for the Radio Amateur Defense & Information Organization. Its sole purpose is that of helping amateur radio operators in their fights with town zoning problems. Regardless of the final outcome, this will be a precedent setting case. Perhaps the most important legal battle in the history of the United States Amateur Radio Service.

For this reason it is very important to support NK2T in this oncoming battle through the courts. The findings may well determine weather or not you can have a ham transmitter and an antenna, no matter where in the nation you may live. The address for contributions is RADIO, in care of N2FF, Post Office Box 343, Williston Park, New York 11596.

China on the ham satellites

(Source: Amateur Radio Newsline)

In news about ham radio space operations, word that the Tsinghua University Amateur Radio Club of Beijing, China has announced that the Chinese Radio Sports Association has provided them with some OSCAR satellite ground station equipment. The Radio Club says that it plans to use the gear for approximately 6 months in an effort to become active on amateur satellites. The equipment consists of a Yaesu FT-726 dual-band transceiver, a circularly polarized crossed Yagi antenna, a 70cm amplifier, a receive preamplifier, and the elevation/azimuth rotor system. OE2CAL, an Austrian amateur noted in Europe for his VHF and UHF activities, and DJ7BU are scheduled to join the radio club in their efforts to the antenna system which has been delayed due to snowy weather. Both men are currently working in Beijing.

Coming out reduces prejudice

According to a recent press release from Dr. Gregory Herek, University of California at Davis, (510) 841-6842 or (916) 757-3240, recent research indicates that "Coming Out" is an effective strategy for reducing prejudice. The text of the press release dated Monday, 4 Oct. 1993 follows:

HETEROSEXUALS WHO KNOW GAYS PERSONALLY HAVE MORE FAVORABLE ATTITUDES — Research Indicates "Coming Out" Is Effective Strategy for Reducing Prejudice.

Gay rights activists have long advocated "coming out" as a strategy for changing society's attitudes. Now, social psychologists at the University of California at Davis have provided scientific evidence that heterosexuals who know a lesbian or gay man are more likely than others to hold favorable attitudes toward gays in general. In a study reported in the latest issue of The Journal of Sex Research, UCD researchers Gregory M. Herek, Ph.D., and Eric K. Glunt, M.A., conducted a nationwide telephone survey in which they asked respondents, "Have any of your female or male friends, relatives, or close acquaintances let you know they were homosexual?" They also gauged participants' attitudes regarding male homosexuals with a 5-question scale developed and tested by Herek in previous research. A majority of the respondents expressed negative attitudes toward homosexuality.

For example, 64% thought that "homosexual behavior between two men is just plain wrong." Only 45% felt that "male homosexuality is merely a different kind of lifestyle that should not be condemned". The researchers found that men were significantly more likely than women to express hostile attitudes toward gay men, as were respondents who belonged to a conservative religious denomination, attended religious services frequently, or placed themselves toward the conservative end of the political continuum. **CONTACT AFFECTS ATTITUDES.**

The central finding of the study was that respondents who knew a gay person held consistently more positive feelings toward male homosexuals as a group. In statistical analyses, interpersonal contact predicted attitudes toward gay men better than any other variable — including gender, educational level, age, or

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religious beliefs. "In the absence of personal contact, most heterosexuals appear to react to gay men on the basis of cultural stereotypes and a longstanding tradition of prejudice," according to Dr. Herek. "They perceive gays as members of a strange and exotic group, very different from themselves in negative ways. "But heterosexuals who know a gay man or lesbian personally seem to regard sexual orientation as merely one aspect of an individual's background, like race or religion. They think of gays as people, each to be judged individually on his or her own merits, rather than as members of a monolithic group." The only group for which contact experiences did not seem to affect attitudes was self-reported political conservatives. Unlike liberals and moderates, conservatives appeared not to be affected by personally knowing a gay individual. Herek explained this finding by pointing out that homosexuality has become a "lightning-rod issue" for conservative political groups.

"Consequently, negative attitudes toward gays are a cornerstone of many conservatives' basic belief system," Herek said. "Because it is so central to the individual's identity, such a world view is highly resistant to change, even in response to having a close friend who is gay or lesbian." Liberals and moderates may similarly base their attitudes on a political world view, Herek noted, but their belief system typically doesn't have anti-gay feelings at its core. SELF-FULFILLING PROPHECY? Herek and Glunt found that about one-third of the respondents in their random sample of adult Americans reported personal contact with a gay or lesbian person. In contrast to the rest of the sample, respondents with contact experiences were more likely to be college-educated, politically liberal, young, and female. "Some heterosexuals are more likely than others to have contact experiences," observed Herek. He speculated that "when gay men and lesbians have a choice about who learns of their sexual orientation, they tend to come out to people from whom they expect a favorable response." This pattern can result in a self-fulfilling prophecy, Herek suggested, if heterosexuals from certain groups have generally fewer chances to interact with a gay man or lesbian. "For heterosexuals, the experience of getting to know a gay man or lesbian appears to reduce their negative feelings and counteract stereotypes," said Herek. "Heterosexuals who lack this experience are more likely to persevere in disliking gays." Heterosexual men, for example, are widely perceived to be more hostile and uncomfortable about homosexuality than are women, Herek said. As a result, gays may disclose their status less often to heterosexual men. Lacking the experience of interacting with an openly gay person, heterosexual men are unlikely to change their negative attitudes. SIMILAR EFFECT FOR LESBIANS The data reported in *The Journal of Sex Research* were collected in 1988 as part of a study of public reactions to the AIDS epidemic, funded by the National Institute of Mental Health. Because AIDS has disproportionately affected gay and bisexual men in the United States, the survey focused on attitudes toward male homosexuality. Herek and his UC Davis colleagues are now analyzing data from a more recent survey in which they also measured heterosexuals' attitudes toward lesbians. They plan to publish the results from the new survey in the near

future. Meanwhile, their preliminary analyses indicate that the effects of contact are similar for heterosexuals' attitudes toward lesbians, Herek said. The results are from 937 telephone interviews with English-speaking U.S. adults that were conducted in July and August of 1988. The margin of error due to sampling is plus or minus 3 percentage points. "Interpersonal Contact and Heterosexuals' Attitudes Toward Gay Men: Results From A National Survey," appears in *The Journal of Sex Research*, 1993, volume 30, number 3, pages 239-244. A copy of the article is available upon request.

E-mail to the White House gets immediate response

LARC members on Internet, Genie, or any of the other computer services with an Internet gateway can send a message directly to President Clinton or Vice President Gore. The Internet address for President Clinton is "president@whitehouse.gov", and Vice President Gore's E-mail address is "vicepresident@whitehouse.gov". The following response to an E-mail message sent to the Vice President was received by Jim (KK3K) within a matter of hours: From: autoresponder@WhiteHouse.Gov Message-Id:

71510.AA06095@WhiteHouse.Gov

To: "James L. Kelly" y@astro.ocis.temple.edu

Status: RO X-Status:

Subject: Your mail has been received.

Dear Friend: During the past two months, the Vice President has been thrilled to receive electronic mail from people across America and from around the world via the Internet. The President is committed to integrating this new medium into the White House and we have completed stage one of the experiment — getting connected. It is now time for stage two, and I want to let you know what we are planning. Since June 1, 1993, the White House has received more than 60,000 electronic messages. The messages have ranged from opinions on national and world events to mail for Socks. Your interest has been greatly appreciated. The second phase of our electronic mail project is about to begin. White House documents will be available on line, thus increasing the speed with which you can access information directly from the White House. We also plan to make available speeches, answers to frequently asked questions, and position papers on current issues. At your leisure, you will be able to browse through this electronic library and search for subjects that relate to your interests. These materials are presently available only through select services, but with implementation of this second phase, they will be available from one source to anyone who desires the information. We are all excited about the progress that has been made with this historic project. I know the Vice President looks forward to a continued electronic dialogue with you, even though we are unable at this time to fully respond to your messages. Your continued support is appreciated, and I thank you for your patience as together we move ahead with this experiment.

Sincerely,

Bill Mason, Director of Vice Presidential Correspondence

LARC January Birthdays

Please join us in wishing the following LARC members the very best as they celebrate their birthdays in January:

Gordon Turner, WB5OYL
Frank Morhew, G3VZX
Larry Kenney, WB9LOZ
John Wittman, WK8X

Mike Power, G0NKV
Bob Hunter, NG2P
Stephen Rice, WB3DBU
Bill Kirkland, N4TSE
Edward Colacuori
Mike Beech
Tom Williams, N0GQD
Eric Pittman

Donna Skelcy, N8PSH
James Dingwall, G4ILW
Frank Astalosh, N3JJW
Andrew Prior, G6HEL
Jim Kelly, KK3K
Irv Goodman (AF2K).

Happy Birthday one and all!

Green, Again

by Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI, Long Beach, CA), Editor, Lambda Net News

Well, he's at it again. In his December column, on page 86, Wayne Green attacks "militant homo-hams" when he says "I don't condone pedophilia ... they're messing with children." Notice he says they are rather than their messing with children. Pretty slick, eh?

Wayne once again takes a swipe at gays by continuing to imply that homosexuals are responsible for pedophilia. As the statistics plainly show, most pedophilia is committed by heterosexual men on small girls. Wayne should know this, since he claims to have been a therapist, although I cannot recall him ever saying where it is he studied or by what state he ever held a license to practice.

He plainly chooses to ignore the facts. Instead, he stirs people up with innuendo and implication ... an all-too-often ploy I've seen him use over the years to keep his readers stirred up over something or other. Clearly, he enjoys being in the eye of the hurricane, using his column to fan the storm he has created around himself.

Wayne says he doesn't condone pedophilia. Few people do, including LARC and its members, and he then goes on to say "I apologize if I offended any child molesters with my editorial" after he has previously established that "Apparently I have innocently offended one of the more militant homo-hams by my comments about homosexuality in my October editorial, ...". This is very clever, if twisted, writing. All of this just after he gives a pep-talk about learning to write.

Of special interest is the reproduction of the Certificate of Appreciation LARC awarded Wayne at the Dayton Hamvention in 1990, when he was accepting our money for advertising in 73 and Radio Fun, and using LARC to take a swipe at the ARRL. He was on our side because it suited his purposes to champion our cause. As soon as it was no longer beneficial for him to do so, he turned on us instead. Now, in his latest editorial, he's trained his sights on Mr. Fred Maia, W5YI, attempting to stir everyone up again, even calling the W5YI Report a "pink paper."

Incorrectly, Wayne attributes all this to "a lone over-motivated gay activist." LARC has received a significant number of letters and phone calls on the LARC Hotline supporting our stand against the rabble-rousing Wayne Green.

We're an easy target for the likes of Wayne Green. In the same way that ultra-conservative, right-wing, fundamentalist evangelicals rant about the disaster that will befall us all by giving sexual minorities the same protections under the law that all other Americans get, Wayne gets the same results as so-called religious leaders like Jerry Falwell or Pat Robertson ... he sells subscriptions.

LARC has tried to take the high road in this war of words, but has been faced with constantly having to stand up for ourselves in the face of innuendo and outright scurrilous remarks. I have even written to Mr. Green stating that perhaps it was time to open a dialogue for understanding. Plainly, this approach doesn't serve Wayne or sell subscriptions as it was ignored.

Considering that Wayne was sued by his first ex-wife for libel in 1985 and settled the suit in 1987 by his agreeing to pay a substantial amount of money to her plus the divorce by his second ex-wife, it is no wonder that he's not a fan of the legal system. Hence his tirades at LARC about our pending claim in Connecticut against the ARRL.

I'm not surprised at the continuing antics and innuendo of the self-serving Wayne Green. After all, he needs to sell subscriptions to his flock of followers to keep 73 alive. LARC is good grist for his mindless mill, which is unfortunate as the magazine itself is quite nice. And remember ... he's a self-professed genius who is supposedly a founder of American Mensa. To me, this latest attack seems pretty shallow for a man who claims to be as intelligent as Wayne says he is.

The latest computer viruses

(From the ARNS Bulletin & the October 1993 IBM ARC, Boca Raton, FL, WB4QNZ — Neal Osborn, N4PYB, Editor)

Here are some computer viruses to be aware of. And remember to practice safe computing; put a write-protect tab on that diskette before you insert it into the slot!

Oprah Winfrey Virus: Your 200 MB drive suddenly shrinks to 80 MB, and then slowly expands back to 200 MB.

AT&T Virus: Every three minutes it tells you what great service you are getting.

MCI Virus: Every three minutes it reminds you that you're paying too much for the AT&T virus.

Paul Revere Virus: The revolutionary virus doesn't horse around. It warns of impending hard-disk attack — once if by LAN, twice if by C.

Politically Correct Virus: Refers to itself not as a virus, but as an "electronic micro-organism."

Ross Perot Virus: Activates every component in your system, just before the whole thing quits.

Mario Cuomo Virus: Burps, gurgles, and talks a good line; but in the end, your computer refuses to run.

Ted Turner Virus: Colorizes your monochrome monitor.

Arnold Schwarzenegger Virus: Terminates and stays resident. You know it'll be back.

Government Economist Virus: Nothing works, but all your diagnostic software says everything is fine.

New World Order Virus: Harmless, but it makes a lot of people mad just thinking about it.

Federal Bureaucrat Virus: Divides your hard disk into hundreds of little units, each of which does practically nothing, but all of which claim to be the most important part of the system.

Gallup Virus: Sixty percent of the PCs infected will lose 38 percent of their data 14 percent of the time (plus or minus a 3.5 percent margin of error).

Texas Virus: Makes sure that it's bigger than any other contiguous file.

Adam and Eve Virus: Takes bytes out of your Macintosh.

Michael Jackson Virus: Hard to identify because it constantly alters its appearance. This virus won't harm your PC, but keep it away from children and struggling dentists who would rather be screenwriters.

Congressional Virus: The computer locks up, screen splits, and messages appear on each half blaming the other side for the problem.

Airline Virus: If you're in Dallas, it sends you to Singapore.

Oedipus Virus: Your computer wants to marry its motherboard.

PBS Virus: Stops whatever program is running on your PC every few minutes to ask for money.

NBC "Dateline" Virus: Your computer stages a hard-drive crash to get you to pay more attention to it.

Elvis Virus: Your computer gets fat, slow, and lazy — then self-destructs, only to resurface at shopping malls and service stations across rural America.

Ollie North Virus: Turns your printer into a paper shredder.

Nike Virus: Just Does It!

Sears Virus: You don't get your data back unless you buy new cables, a power supply, and a set of shocks.

Jimmy Hoffa Virus: After a certain date nobody can find it.

See **THE LATEST COMPUTER VIRUSES**
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Dayton Hamvention 1994 Room Reservation

Complete and return your reservation by **February 15, 1994** to:
Howard Wyman — W9BVD
428 Summit Chase Drive, Valrico, FL 33594-3838 U.S.A.

| | | |
|----------|-------|--------------------|
| Name | | Callsign |
| Address | | Phone |
| City | State | Postal Code or Zip |
| Province | | Country |

1. Please reserve _____ (number of people in your party) spots for me / us for Hamvention 1994 at the LARC Headquarters hotel. LARC Hamvention accommodations for 1994 will be at the Econo-Lodge, 2241 Wagoner Ford Road, the same as last year. Rooms with three (3) persons per room should cost approximately \$60.00 per night.

DEPOSIT REQUIRED is \$30.00 per person.

Make all checks payable to: Lambda Amateur Radio Club

2. I / we will need a room for the following nights (circle **ALL** nights you desire rooms):

Thursday night
April 28

Friday night
April 29

Saturday night
April 30

Sunday night
May 1

3. I wish to share a room with the following LARC members if possible:

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4. If possible, put me in a room with ...

Check one: ☐ Smoker ☐ Non-Smoker ☐ Doesn't Matter

5. The LARC Annual Banquet will be held on Saturday, April 30. A limited choice menu will be offered with entree prices in the \$10 to \$15 range. Drinks and a 20% gratuity are extra. Please indicate below your plans for the banquet.

Check one: ☐ **YES ...** I plan to attend the LARC Banquet
☐ **NO ...** I will NOT be attending the LARC Banquet

NOTE: We will do our best to secure room reservations for all members who send in their reservations and deposits on time. We will also do our best to honor all requests for specific roommate assignments. However, we cannot guarantee either room space or guarantee particular assignments to anyone.

The latest computer viruses

Congressional Virus II: Runs every program on the disk simultaneously, but doesn't allow you to accomplish anything.

Kevorkian Virus: Enables your computer to pull its own plug.

Imelda Marcos Virus: Sings you a song (slightly off key) on boot-up, then subtracts money from your Quicken account and spends it purchasing expensive shoes through Prodigy.

Star Trek Virus: Invades your system in places where no virus has gone before.

Health Care Virus: Tests your system, finds nothing wrong, and sends you a bill for \$4,500.

George Bush Virus: Starts by saying "Read my test ... no new files!" Proceeds to fill all free space on your hard drive with new files, then blames it on the Congressional Virus.

Bill Clinton Virus: Uses up all of your printer paper enacting new faxes.

Bill Clinton Virus II: Invalidates all data in your computer, retroactive to the day you bought it.

Congressional Virus III: Never met a spending program it didn't like.

Cleveland Indians Virus: Makes your 486/50 MHz machine perform like a 286/AT.

Chicago Cubs Virus: Your PC makes frequent mistakes and comes in last in the reviews, but you love it anyway.

DX in the Tropics: VP2E Hamcation

Caribbean Island Apartment for Hamcation Rental in Anguilla, British West Indies

Location: The apartment is located above Little Harbour on the side of South Hill. It is in the lower part of a private home. The apartment has its own porch, two captain's beds, a desk operating position for ham radio operators, a kitchenette (mini-fridge, stove, and sink), full bathroom with shower, and closet space. There are ceiling fans, built-in bookcase with books, a clock radio/cassette player, dishes, and cooking/eating utensils. Maid service is provided.

Rates: The rates are US\$80 per day plus 8% government tax (total US\$86.40 per day) for up to two people.

Deposit: 25% of total bill. If you cancel at least 30-days prior to your scheduled visit, we will refund your deposit in full.

Payment: Cash or check. We are unable to accept credit cards.

Rental Cars: We can arrange for you. Cost is US\$27-35 per day, depending on the time of year. The car rental agency takes credit cards and needs to see your U.S. driver's license when you pick up the car. You will receive a temporary Anguillian driver's license, which costs US\$6. Driving is on the left, but it is not difficult to get used to as there is not much traffic in Anguilla.

Getting Here: The easiest way is through San Juan, Puerto Rico. American Airlines run American Eagle service from San Juan direct to Anguilla and takes about 55 minutes. There are two flights a day, one in

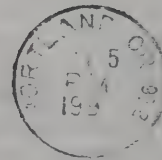
the morning and the other at night. Flights leaving Anguilla are in the morning and in the afternoon.

Ham License: A VP2E license costs US\$39 for a stroke call sign (VP2E/your call). A regular VP2E call sign costs double, but can frequently be arranged. We can take you to the licensing authority to get your license.

Equipment: Bring your own rig or rent one from us. The ham position is equipped with a 25 or 50-amp Astron power supply (your choice), 12-volt power strip, antenna tuner, dummy load, antenna switch, a 2-meter voice and packet rig, packet TNC, 4-element tribander (10, 15, and 20 meters), R7 vertical (10, 12, 15, 17, 20, 30, 40 meters), Cushcraft 2-element 40-meter beam and an 80-meter sloper. Electrical supply is 120-volts AC, 60 Hz. Special arrangements can be made for moonbounce for 6- or 2-meter DXers. A 6-element six meter beam and an 18-element two meter beam are available by special arrangement. Also, a rental laptop computer with contest and logging software may be rented for US\$15 per day. So, just bring your own HF rig and favorite CW key. If you want to travel light, we can rent you an ICOM 735 with keyer and narrow CW filter at US\$20 per day.

Contact: LARC members Dave (VP2EHF) or Dorothea (VP2EE) Mann, P.O. Box 599, The Valley, Anguilla, British West Indies. Phone & FAX: (809) 497-2150 (FAX picks up after 8 rings.)

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Net Newsbits

by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

LARC Renewal Drive Underway

Thanks to all members who have responded so far to our yearly membership renewal drive. So far, nineteen members have renewed. A number of members have renewed for multiple years, and one LARC family membership renewal has been received so far. The officers would especially like to thank the following members who sent in an additional contribution over and above their dues: WA0CFQ; KA2EGO; and W4/G4JKE. If you have not sent in your renewal, please take a moment to do so now. Your continued support is very important! If you need another renewal form, please call the LARC hotline at (215) 978-LARC and we will send another renewal form to you right away.

Another Lambda Legal Victory

In Case Similar To LARC v. ARRL The Lambda Update, the newsletter of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, reported in October on the settlement of the following Illinois case. This case is interesting because of its similarities to the LARC v. ARRL case.

It involves a COMPLAINT filed at the CHICAGO COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS alleging DISCRIMINATION BASED ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION in PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS. This is strikingly similar to LARC's COMPLAINT filed at the CONNECTICUT COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES alleging DISCRIMINATION BASED ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION in PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS. Note that the reasons given for denying access to the complainant turned out to be a sham, just like the reasons given LARC for denying our ad since 1985. Also, the COMPLAINT was settled OUT OF COURT by MEDIATION in favor of the complainant. While the ARRL continues to deny that they have discriminated against LARC and

they have not as yet given LARC any assurance that past discrimination will not be repeated, LARC remains hopeful that our complaint can be resolved in a similar manner to the Chicago case. (From The Lambda Update: PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS — Ad Hoc Committee of Proud Black Lesbians and Gays (PBLG) v. Defender Charities, Inc. (Illinois) — NEW CASE AND VICTORY! Lambda filed a complaint on behalf of PBLG at the Chicago Commission on Human Relations alleging discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in the provision of public accommodations, based on Defender Charities' refusal of PBLG's application to participate in the Bud Billiken parade and picnic.

The Bud Billiken parade is billed as the country's largest African American parade, if not the largest parade in the country. Defender's explanation that the PBLG application was denied because of "space, time, and manpower constraints" was revealed to be a sham when PBLG disclosed that a separate application they filed one month later — identical except for the mention of lesbians and gay men — was accepted immediately. Because the PBLG application was denied a second time in mid-July, Lambda moved to expedite the proceedings and for an immediate settlement conference to resolve the matter before the August 14, 1993 parade date. In two days of mediated negotiations, Lambda and PBLG members convinced Defender Charities to allow PBLG into the parade under the group's banner, settling the dispute out of court. PBLG marched near the front of the parade and celebrated themes of visibility, youth education and anti-violence, consistent with its mission to promote positive images of Black

About LARC And Computer Enthusiasts

A Message From KK3K

Some LARC members have voiced concerns about "opening up the club to computer enthusiasts". I want to acknowledge the concerns of these members and take this opportunity to address the issue. First, let me be assure everyone in LARC that I will insure that our club will always remain first and foremost an amateur radio club. LARC will not be "invaded" or "taken over" by a group of people whose primary interest is computers, or anything else other than ham radio. I've worked hard since 1983 to insure that LARC prospers and primarily serves the needs of gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgendered hams. A takeover of LARC will not happen on my watch, and is not now happening, believe me. Computer enthusiasts are not flocking to LARC in droves, in fact, I'm aware of only one new member who came to us via computer, and only after I specifically invited him to join.

As far as "opening up" the membership is concerned, it has been open to computer enthusiasts and other non-hams for years! We have been operating with an open membership policy whereby the only "requirement" for membership has been an interest in the hobby and support for sexual minorities. For example, our club brochure produced in 1989 encourages anyone with an interest in ham radio to join LARC. Let me elaborate on the reason for this policy and what we're trying to accomplish.

What we're trying to do is what any worthwhile ham club should be doing: trying to get more people, non-hams, interested in our hobby! That's one of our club's prime functions and something every responsible ham ought to be doing. For over a year now the LARC

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President's Key

by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

President, LARC

On behalf of all LARC officers, I extend our best wishes to the membership for the holidays! It's been another busy year for us all, and I'd like to particularly thank those individuals who have helped make LARC a top notch ham radio club during the past year: our Vice President, Howard (W9BVD) who does such a good job with our Dayton hotel accommodations each year and who is busy working on a revision of the LARC Constitution and By-Laws; our Secretary Philip (WD4IJV), who does a great job with official LARC correspondence and new member processing; our Treasurer Tom (K14ZN) who helps keep us on track and in the black; and our newsletter editor Don (WB6LYI) who, in addition to producing a top rate newsletter, organized our successful DXpedition to Montserrat as well as next year's DXpedition to Anguilla. I also want to thank Paul (KK6JD) for the great job he did as assistant membership secretary, and Wayne (AI9Q) who is our newsletter circulation manager and does a super job of making sure everyone gets their newsletter each month. I want to thank Stuart (G0BEV) for taking on full responsibility for the operations of the LARC UK/Europe Chapter, and Kari (OH1BM) for providing us with the LARC@SETA.FI automatic Internet LARC bulletin forwarding server. We sure are fortunate to have such a fine group of people who are so willing to volunteer of their time and effort.

These individuals and all of our members are the reason why LARC is a highly successful and innovative organization. DXpeditions, exclusive computer E-mail distribution and electronic forum arrangements, a fine monthly newsletter, group Dayton Hamvention arrangements, HF roundtables, a lending library, LARC chapters, these are just some of the distinctive activities and accomplishments of our unique club, accomplishments of which we can all be proud. Our club serves as beacon proclaiming the active participation and contributions of sexual minorities in the ham radio, electronics and computer realms. LARC is an active participant in the struggle for civil rights for the sexual minority community of which most of us are members. But perhaps the best benefit of LARC membership is the opportunity to develop lifetime friendships with some very special people, your fellow members of LARC.

1994 promises to be another exciting year for LARC, full of more opportunities for friendship and fun. If you feel as good about your LARC membership as I do, please renew your membership now, help LARC continue to make a difference in so many important areas, and join in on the fun for yet another year. In the meantime, have a great Holiday Season. de KK3K

About LARC & Computer Enthusiasts

Executive Committee has been looking at some new ways to attract more people to our club and to the hobby. I've sent out memos to our executive committee with various proposals, one of which was that of targeting computer and electronics types for membership. In the January, 1993 issue of the *Lambda Net News*, a year ago, I wrote in my President's Key column "We should promote the club to computer types and attempt to interest them in ham radio". I also mentioned this at our business meeting at Dayton last April. In my editorial in the September 1993 *LNN* I wrote that "we can remain primarily focused on pure hamming" while at the same time broadening our appeal outside the hobby. The main idea I was trying to argue for is to get more people interested in ham radio by broadening the base of people we target with our advertising.

The LARC executive committee realized long ago that we couldn't do our job of getting more people into the hobby and building up LARC if we took the position that only those who were already hams or SWLers could join LARC. So, over the years we've welcomed non-hams into the club. Some have gone on to get their licenses and are still members; others never did and drifted away. But we did manage to get some new blood into the hobby this way. The whole idea of appealing to non-hams who are electronics and computer enthusiasts was predicated on the hope that some, probably a small percentage, would also be interested in ham radio, since computers and electronics are closely related. So far, this hasn't been the case, and that's why there's no need for alarm and there's no need to specifically exclude a whole class of people from LARC membership just because they're computer enthusiasts, as has been proposed. This would set a very bad precedent, one of exclusion, and it would be unworkable. We who have been excluded ourselves from so much for so long should be very wary of excluding others from LARC based on such a premise. Let's not over-react; this is just not necessary. I want to assure the membership that your concerns about LARC remaining dedicated to ham radio have been heard. There are no plans to turn LARC into a computer club and I would not permit this to happen. We will be sure to concentrate on attracting individuals who are either hams already or those who have an interest in our hobby, i.e., potential hams, no matter what their other interests or activities may be. Finally, I assure you that LARC will remain a club dedicated to amateur radio while continuing to work hard to get more individuals interested in our hobby.

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Membership Roster

Membership rosters are published several times each year and will be inserted into an issue of the LAMBDA NET NEWS. This summarized roster lists basic member information. If you'd like to receive a highly detailed, in-depth listing of each member, just send a 9" x 12" self-addressed envelope with \$1.90 postage affixed and a custom printed roster will be on its way to you. This way, you can have an updated roster as often as you'd like and LARC will not be sending rosters to anyone who doesn't want one.

Mail your request TODAY to:
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P.O. Box 91299
Long Beach, CA 90809-1299

LARC Chapter Directory

City of Brotherly Love (COBL) Chapter

Contact: Jim Kelly (KK3K)
P.O. Box 24810
Philadelphia, PA 19130
(215) 978-LARC

Serves Phila. metro area including S. Jersey, N. Delaware, and Maryland. Meetings every 6-8 weeks. No dues. Note: Chapter presently inactive.

Finger Lakes Chapter — 1993

Contact: Dave Minchella (KE2GE)
80 Campfire Rd. North
Henrietta, NY 14467
(716) 359-3337

Serves western and central NY state. Meetings 3rd Friday each month for dinner and meeting. Dues are \$5 per year. Chapter outings to local attractions.

Gateway (GLARC) Chapter — 1993

Contact: Bob Hamilton (WA0S)
2301 Park Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63104-2541
(314) 773-4056

Serves midwest. Meetings 1st Thursday of each month. Call for location.

Hollywood Chapter — 1993

Contact: Rick Fearn (K6VE), President
P.O. Box 65643
Los Angeles, CA 90065
(213) 256-6556

Serves southern California. Meetings are quarterly on weekends on announced schedule. Dues. Note: Field trips and outings are often scheduled.

Personal Stuff

I would like to correspond with any LARC members who are or were nightclub D.J.s or who collect modern dance music. Write or call —

Robert Baker, WA2IEK
262 40th Street
Irvington, NJ 07111-1149
(201) 374-9631

Would like to meet ham (or aspiring ham) for friendship and possible relationship.

Dale A. Clark, WA0CFQ
Box 668
Wellsville, KS 66092
(913) 883-4090

(Leave message on machine if I'm out.)

I would like to share my home and expense with a compatible ham.

LeRoy D. Lawhorn, W4VIW
Lambda #1095
213 McDonald Street
Greenville, SC 29609-5630
(803) 233-3527

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lesbians and gay men in the community, to increase visibility and to respect and celebrate diversity in all its forms.

Unauthorized Mailing To LARC Members Investigated

LARC President Jim (KK3K) was notified by a LARC member recently that an unsolicited mailing from The Travel Club was received referencing the member's callsign, thus raising the prospect that a LARC roster is being used as a mass mailing resource contrary to LARC club policy. Jim learned that other LARC members had also received the mailing. Jim wrote to Kerry Teverbaugh, President of The Travel Club to advise him that LARC rosters were not intended to be used for mass mailings of any kind, either by members or non-members. Mr. Teverbaugh wrote back and explained that he was not sure how he got hold of the names, but he suspected that, since some of the members of his club may also be members of LARC, one of these individuals gave him the names at some point. Mr. Teverbaugh is not able to delete all of our members at one time from his list since he is not sure who they are, however, he indicated that he would be happy to remove the names of any and all LARC members who want to be off the list. In any event, he deletes the names of any recipients who do not respond after three mailings. If you have received similar mailings and would like to be removed from the list, please write to Mr. Kerry Teverbaugh, City Center Box 128, Monroe City, IN 47557.

Finally, a reminder to members: LARC ROSTERS ARE NOT INTENDED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN YOUR OWN PERSONAL USE. NEVER RELEASE ROSTERS OR NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS TO ANYONE! Please see the instructions printed on the top of each roster regarding their use.

FCC Drops Station Location Requirement

As of November 15, 1993, the FCC will no longer require that a station location be shown on amateur license applications, nor on applications for reciprocal operating permits. In an Order adopted September 24th the commissioners said that because portable and mobile equipment is now so often used by amateurs, a station's location often changes. In the case of portable operation this change can even occur daily. The FCC also said that deleting the station location requirement would expedite the processing of license applications. The amended Rule is found in Section 97.21 under the title of Mailing Address. It reads — and we quote: "Each application for an amateur service license and each application for a reciprocal

permit for alien amateur licensee must show a mailing address in an area where the amateur service is regulated by the FCC. The mailing address must be one where the licensee can receive mail delivery by the United States Postal Service." The FCC calls this a non controversial and non substantive change in licensing procedure. Therefore it says that no prior notice or comment period was required to initiate this regulatory change. (Source: Amateur Radio Newsline)

Russian Satellites Update

Here's the latest on what's happening with the Russian ham radio satellite program. For a number of technical reasons the amateur satellite systems known as RS 10/11 and RS 12/13 cannot presently be switched to modes other than those now in use. Consequently for the immediate future RS-10 may be expected to continue to operate in Mode A and RS-12 in Mode-K. RS-11 and RS-13 will remain switched off and in "standby" mode. The new Russian amateur satellite system RS-15 is now complete and ready for launch. It will be built into another Cosmos navigation satellite, similar to the Cosmos bird that houses RS-12 and 13. It is not known exactly when the launch of the satellite will occur, but as soon as an older satellite in this series of navigation satellites reaches the end of its operational life, the new satellite, with RS-15, will be launched. (Source: Amateur Radio Newsline)

LARC HF Net Activity

On Sunday, October 24, there were at least 15 check-ins to the LARC HF nets. Calls heard included: W9BVD, W9HRQ, WA0CFQ, WA9LKD, KC0K, W4/G4JKE, KK3K, KA5MQL, KI4ZN, AF9A, WB5MEI, N7MNT, AF2K, N1HRZ, and surprise check-in from LARC UK/EU G0BEV. Propagation on 20 meters was very good and 15 meters was also at least partially open. There were 11 check-ins on 20 meters and 6 check-ins on 15 meters. On Halloween Sunday, October 31, there were nine check-ins and a net took place in spite of heavy QRM from contest activity. On Sunday, November 7 there were 10 check-ins and on Sunday, November 14, there were eight check-ins.

Member Correspondence

From Jerry (KB5WZP): Jerry sent the following letter to Wayne Green in response to Green's recent editorials: "Dear Mr. Green, I have been reading your publications for many years although I have only recently obtained my ham license. I am 51 years of age and have run my own small high-tech business for the past 14 years. I served with distinction in the U.S. Navy and was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal

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for the design and implementation of a specialized device. I am gay. I just wanted to let you know that I have canceled my subscription to your magazine and abandoned plans to advertise my products in it. It is not my policy to bite the hand that feeds me nor lick the hand that beats me. I seldom offer advice to persons older, wealthier, and more experienced than myself, but my advice to you sir, is to confine your remarks to those subjects about which you have some knowledge. I quite assure you that you display an *extreme* level of ignorance concerning human sexuality." LARC President Jim (KK3K) responded: "Dear Jerry, Thanks a million for writing the excellent, excellent letter to Wayne Green. People like Green need to know that there are individuals like yourself out there. You and countless others are a powerful living proof that the bigotry spread by the Wayne Greens of the world is just plain wrong. But the true story has not been told, and that's why your letter is so important. If each of us took the time and made the effort to confront bigotry when and where we see it, especially within the confines of the ham radio hobby which we all love, then the hobby and the world would quickly become a better place to live in. Keep up the fine efforts! Best 73, Jim Kelly, KK3K, President LARC"

From Jack (KH6MY): "Please accept my resignation from the club, effective immediately. The reason is strictly personal. I have terminal leukemia and don't know how long I will live. My family has no knowledge of my life style and I don't wish them to learn of it. I wish the club continued success." LARC President Jim (KK3K) responded: "Dear Jack, I was very sorry to learn of your condition. You have the best wishes of all of the members of LARC. All of us hope that things work out for you as best as possible under the circumstances. In accordance with your wishes, your resignation is accepted. I have asked that your name be removed from our mailing list. While I would encourage you not to keep the truth of your life a secret from those dear to you especially at this time in your life when you could benefit by the support of your LARC friends as well as your family, I nevertheless recognize your right to resign from LARC for whatever reason. Thank you for your past support and for your best wishes for the future. Kind regards and aloha, Jim Kelly, KK3K, President, Lambda Amateur Radio Club"

From James (G4ILW): James' new address is: 3 Baltic House, St. Matthews Road, London SW2 1NQ, UK

From Charlie (KC0K): Charlie has a new job as a repair technician. Congratulations and good luck with the new job! HE also has a new mountain bike. Happy trails!

From Tom (KI4ZN): Tom is the proud owner of a new Yaesu FT-736R satellite radio. Soon, Tom will be joining the ranks of LARC members with OSCAR capability.

From Tom (WA9LKD): Tom is the proud owner of a new Atari computer! Tom is also busy trying to get those elusive QSL confirmations for his WAS award.

From John (WK8X): John has installed a new 75 meter dipole and plans to check it out on the LARC Sunday evening 75 meter net. Chapter News the November, 1993 issue of the Hollywood Chapter Un-Named! Newsletter, contained a column written by chapter president Rick (K6VE) and a meeting notice for the November monthly scheduled for the 20th at Algemac's Restaurant in Glendale.

Congratulations to the Finger Lakes Chapter for their excellent Field Day effort. The LARC/FLC score made the pages of the November issue of QST (see page 121, col. 2)

LAMBDA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, Finger Lakes Chapter, Minutes of October 1993 Meeting (excerpts). Following dinner, the meeting was called to order at 7:28 PM October 15, 1993 by Dave KE2GE. Dave welcomed John N4VXF and John S., both attending for the first time. Minutes from the September meeting were distributed and approved as submitted. At the September meeting, \$13.00 was collected for the Lambda Legal Defense Fund, which will be forwarded to them along with any additional contributions collected this evening. KE2GE reported on the Sunday Oct 10th luncheon and tour of the Antique Wireless Association Museum in Holcomb, NY. Trip attended by KE2GE, N2IMS, AF2K, WA2NGX, N2IKR and N2OIA. Several member's are considering a return visit on Sunday Oct. 31st, before it closes for the season. KE2GE distributed membership applications for the Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley to those who were interested. Dave also circulated a flyer about gay and lesbian leadership training in conjunction with the Empire State Pride Agenda in New York City, Nov 6-7. Dave also indicated the Chapter had received a financial solicitation from the

committee backing Rochester City Councilman Tim Mains. No action taken. Old Business: The was a discussion regarding altering the Chapter dues to accommodate Field Day expenses. Instead of increasing dues, actual expenses of Field Day will be determined after the fact, and Chapter members will make contributions at that time. It was unanimously agreed to handle it in that manner. WA2NGX reported that the National LARC Dxpedition scheduled for March 1994 has been changed from a destination of US Virgin Islands to Anguilla (VP2E). Irv AF2K again urged chapter members with HF capabilities to participate in the HF LARC nets on thursdays and Sundays. Dave KE2GE provided some background information on the Finger Lakes Chapter of LARC. He pointed out the group has not only evolved into solid ham radio camaraderie among members but additionally, some enjoyable and memorable socializing with various field trips has been had. He went on to describe the duties of some of the Chapter officers. Next meeting scheduled for Friday Nov 19th. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM EDT. Respectfully submitted, I. J. Goodman, AF2K, LARC / FLC Secretary (via E-mail courtesy WA2NGX).

LARC UK/EU Chapter Coordinator Stuart (G0BEV) has been busy revising the LARC club brochure for overseas use. Stuart writes: Hi and greetings to all! It was really nice to be able to log in briefly to the 20 metre net yesterday (10/24) after a very long gap in trans-atlantic skeds. I should apologize for the very brief stay though — I think Tom (KI4ZN) didn't get the early bit of my first over explaining the necessity of brevity! I had guests for dinner and popped out between main course & dessert to make the call, but as host can't disappear for too long, so there was only time for one over. However, it's an indication of how HF band conditions are changing, and might well be a first, for I can't remember any earlier QSOs on the 20 metre net up till now. As it happens, 15 and 10 metres were also open Stateside during the afternoon here, a bit up and down to be sure, but though I managed to work into Ohio, I didn't hear anyone from LARC. I had a hunch that 20 metres might be OK last night, which proved to be the case, though the band had closed completely only an hour later. I heard several other LARC stations on the net too, not always very strong or readable though,

See NET NEWSBITS on back page

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The earlier, the better! Take a moment and send in the form today!

Have You Renewed Yet?

Please send in your annual LARC renewal if you haven't already done so. That way, you won't any issues of the Lambda Net News.

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including KK3K, KA5MQL, WA9LKD, KC0K and WA0CFQ — don't know if any of them could hear me however. If conditions seem reasonable, I'll give it a try on future Sundays, so listen out in case there is propagation. It may be that this would be a good opportunity to reconsider bands & timings of any long haul skeds; the next few months are likely to be the best that remain of any propagation on 15 (and possibly 10 metres) — after that, unless some pretty unusual circumstances come up, it's certain to be a pretty steep downhill toward the bottom of cycle 22 and on into cycle 23. I will urge LARC members over here to give 20 metres a try, and maybe if it works, we can formalize a new sked time to suit conditions. All the best for now...STUART, G0BEV.

Cactus Antenna!

Have you heard the one about the broadcast station that wants to put up a cactus? Well its true — kind of. You see this particular cactus will

actually be a cactus look alike. Confused? Maybe we had better explain. Radio Station KXLL wants to install a new broadcast tower at the crest of Mummy Mountain in Paradise Valley, Arizona. Paradise Valley is a bedroom community just north of Phoenix, and is a place that does not allow commercial business operations of any kind. In fact, even gasoline stations are prohibited. So, to get around the problem, KXLL had its engineering consultants design a tower and transmitter building that looks exactly like a Ersatz Saguaro cactus plant. This is the same cactus that is the official state symbol of Arizona. So as to make the installation totally inconspicuous, KXLL says it is willing to plant several real cactus around their artificial cousin. The station says that it would be impossible to tell the two apart. At air time, there is no word if the city of Paradise Valley is going to buy the KXLL electronic cactus deal. We'll let you know if they do.

DX in the Tropics: VP2E Hamcation

Caribbean Island Apartment for Hamcation Rental in Anguilla, British West Indies

Location: The apartment is located above Little Harbour on the side of South Hill. It is in the lower part of a private home. The apartment has its own porch, two captain's beds, a desk operating position for ham radio operators, a kitchenette (mini-fridge, stove, and sink), full bathroom with shower, and closet space. There are ceiling fans, built-in bookcase with books, a clock radio/cassette player, dishes, and cooking/eating utensils. Maid service is provided.

Rates: The rates are US\$80 per day plus 8% government tax (total US\$86.40 per day) for up to two people.

Deposit: 25% of total bill. If you cancel at least 30-days prior to your scheduled visit, we will refund your deposit in full.

Payment: Cash or check. We are unable to accept credit cards.

Rental Cars: We can arrange for you. Cost is US\$27-35 per day, depending on the time of year. The car rental agency takes credit cards and needs to see your U.S. driver's license when you pick up the car. You will receive a temporary Anguillian driver's license, which costs US\$6. Driving is on the left, but it is not difficult to get used to as there is not much traffic in Anguilla.

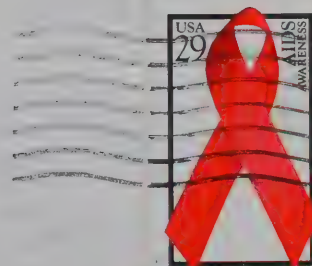
Getting Here: The easiest way is through San Juan, Puerto Rico. American Airlines run American Eagle service from San Juan direct to Anguilla and takes about 55 minutes. There are two flights a day, one in the morning and the other at night. Flights leaving Anguilla are in the morning and in the afternoon.

Ham License: A VP2E license costs US\$39 for a stroke callsign (VP2E/your call). A regular VP2E callsign costs double, but can frequently be arranged. We can take you to the licensing authority to get your license.

Equipment: Bring your own rig or rent one from us. The ham position is equipped with a 25 or 50-amp Astron power supply (your choice), 12-volt power strip, antenna tuner, dummy load, antenna switch, a 2-meter voice and packet rig, packet TNC, 4-element tribander (10, 15, and 20 meters), R7 vertical (10, 12, 15, 17, 20, 30, 40 meters), Cushcraft 2-element 40-meter beam and an 80-meter sloper. Electrical supply is 120-volts AC, 60 Hz. Special arrangements can be made for moonbounce for 6- or 2-meter DXers. A 6-element six meter beam and an 18-element two meter beam are available by special arrangement. Also, a rental laptop computer with contest and logging software may be rented for US\$15 per day. So, just bring your own HF rig and favorite CW key. If you want to travel light, we can rent you an ICOM 735 with keyer and narrow CW filter at US\$20 per day.

Contact: LARC members Dave (VP2EHF) or Dorothea (VP2EE) Mann, P.O. Box 599, The Valley, Anguilla, British West Indies. Phone & FAX: (809) 497-2150 (FAX picks up after 8 rings.)

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428 Summit Chase Drive, Valrico, FL 33594-3838 U.S.A.

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| Name | | Callsign |
| Address | | Phone |
| City | State | Postal Code or Zip |
| Province | | Country |

1. Please reserve _____ (number of people in your party) spots for me / us for Hamvention 1994 at the LARC Headquarters hotel. LARC Hamvention accommodations for 1994 will be at the Econo-Lodge, 2241 Wagoner Ford Road, the same as last year. Rooms with three (3) persons per room should cost approximately \$60.00 per night.

DEPOSIT REQUIRED is \$30.00 per person.

Make all checks payable to: Lambda Amateur Radio Club

2. I / we will need a room for the following nights (circle **ALL** nights you desire rooms):

Thursday night
April 28

Friday night
April 29

Saturday night
April 30

Sunday night
May 1

3. I wish to share a room with the following LARC members if possible:

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4. If possible, put me in a room with ...

Check one: ☐ Smoker ☐ Non-Smoker ☐ Doesn't Matter

5. The LARC Annual Banquet will be held on Saturday, April 30. A limited choice menu will be offered with entree prices in the \$10 to \$15 range. Drinks and a 20% gratuity are extra. Please indicate below your plans for the banquet.

Check one: ☐ **YES ...** I plan to attend the LARC Banquet
☐ **NO ...** I will NOT be attending the LARC Banquet

NOTE: We will do our best to secure room reservations for all members who send in their reservations and deposits on time. We will also do our best to honor all requests for specific roommate assignments. However, we cannot guarantee either room space or guarantee particular assignments to anyone.

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LARC v ARRL: Possible Implications of a Recent California Court Decision

ARRL Executive Vice President Dave Sumner (K1ZZ) has defended the ARRL's refusal to run LARC's classified ad and its refusal thus far to settle the LARC v ARRL discrimination complaint citing First Amendment (freedom of the press) concerns. Apparently, Sumner believes that the First Amendment gives him the right as a publisher to discriminate against LARC. However, the California Court Of Appeals recently ruled against a publisher who refused to publish the picture of a gay male couple in a High School reunion yearbook in 1987. The Court said in its ruling in October, 1993, that the company had violated the State's civil rights laws by refusing to publish the couple's picture. A lower Court had ruled in favor of the publisher citing "good business practices", however the higher Court stated that the refusal to publish the picture of a same-sex couple was discrimination based on sexual orientation, which is illegal in California.

Discrimination based on sexual orientation is also illegal in the State of Connecticut where the ARRL is chartered as a corporation. The California Court seems to have affirmed that a publisher does not have a First Amendment right to arbitrarily discriminate against protected minorities in violation of State civil rights statutes. Thus, Sumner and the ARRL appear to be on pretty shaky ground in arguing that they have a First Amendment right not to publish LARC's ad while at the same time publishing ads from a variety of special interest groups from atheists to Ayn Rand libertarians. The California decision appears to set a

precedent favorable to LARC which could prove to be quite important should the case move into court as a result of the ARRL's continuing refusal to negotiate a settlement of LARC's discrimination complaint.

LARC HF and OSCAR Dxpedition 1994 Set For Anguilla in March 1994

Mark your calendars, and get ready to work your fellow LARC members on next year's LARC DXpedition March 5th through March 10th, 1994! At this time the following LARC members are signed on for the 1994 DXpedition: Don (WB6LYI) and Ed; Jim (KK3K) and Dan; Mark (KC3XC); Tom (KI4ZN); Howard (W9BVD); Jim (AF9A); Wayne (AI9Q); Norm (KF7IK); while Eric (N6ZSU) and Larry (NU4B) are tentative participants. We've had some cancellations and there is still room so if you would like to join the DXpedition contact Don (WB6LYI), but do it immediately since time is running short. Our destination is Anguilla, British West Indies (VP2E).

Preliminary details:

Date: March 4-11, 1994.

Location: Anguilla, British West Indies.

Station: We are looking to conduct an OSCAR-13 Mode B and Mode S satellite DXpedition PLUS an HF operation so that we can contact as many stateside LARC members as possible from Anguilla. It is likely we will be the first or one of the first OSCAR Mode S DXpedition anywhere.

LARC Chapter Helps AIDS Walk Succeed

by Bob Laycock (KA8UHL, Cleveland, OH)

The Cleveland AIDS Walk was a total success, despite the frankly lousy weather! The Gay People's Chronicle reports that nearly 2,000 walked and the fundraising goal of \$150,000 was achieved.

The North Coast Chapter's first venture into public service was also a success. We had seven volunteers including LARC members KA8UHL, N8VTA, N8KBF and N8TYV. In addition, LARC is indebted to our friends W8AJR, N8RKP and KB8BCH. We needed the extra person-power, and we couldn't have asked for better! Thank you!

We also thank the Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association (LEARA) for making the 146.88 repeater available to us. As it turned out, simplex worked fine throughout the day. But had the need arisen, the repeater could have proven vital in protecting the health and safety of the walkers.

Park Service Estimate

Now, we understand the Park Service estimated about 25 people walked, but somehow we're pretty confident there were more there!

As the hour approached, one had to wonder just how many would come out. It poured overnight and continued raining into the early daylight hours. Later I looked out my window and, strangely, saw clear blue sky overhead and sunshine. "What luck!," I thought.

President's Key

by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

President, LARC



HELP WANTED! Chief News Correspondent for the LAMBDA NET NEWS. LARC is looking for one (or more) members who would enjoy a modest amount of writing and compiling for our club newsletter. Computer capability (the capability to compose, edit, and forward items for inclusion in the newsletter via E-mail or floppy disk) is required. Contact club headquarters for more information.

Why the "HELP WANTED" ad?, you ask. Well, the very capable editor of one of our LARC chapter's newsletters recently resigned as chapter newsletter editor citing as one reason (among others) that he didn't want the newsletter to reflect only his "rambling." I understand his concerns, and it got me to thinking about the appropriateness of my being president of LARC while at the same time being the chief writer of the Lambda Net News. The question of objectivity arises. Not that this sort of thing is all that unusual for small organizations. Most of the small clubs that I've come into contact with in my life have a small "core" of individuals who perennially perform all the functions that need to be done. Some of these organizations are literally "one horse" operations with one individual doing everything. Certainly, that is not the case with LARC, and we've tried over the years to involve as many members as possible in running the club. We've also encouraged LARC members to write for the newsletter over the years and many have done so.

Nevertheless, I do pretty much determine the content of the LNN and write a lot of the original material contained therein. Perhaps that's too much, too one-sided. I personally don't feel a need to write more than this "President's Key" column. I write or compile the rest out of habit, I guess. I enjoy it. But I'd be more than happy to see someone else volunteer to act as our newsletter's chief correspondent. I do think that this would add variety to the newsletter, and might make coverage more objective. It's not a difficult job. I look around for interesting items in the public domain, items that can be reprinted usually by giving source credit where appropriate. Newsletters like the W5YI Report are good sources for this sort of thing and the club has a subscription. Packet radio is another good source of information. And, of course, so is E-mail (electronic mail and bulletin boards). I also write short original stories based on items in the news. I collect information from members and write up short blurbs on their activities. Whoever volunteers as chief correspondent would have a good deal of raw material to work with each month. Also, there would be plenty of help available since the newsletter is already a team effort involving three individuals at present. So all we need now is a volunteer with some time, the capabilities, and interest. EOE! de KK3K

From the Editor's Desk ...

by Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI, Long Beach, CA)

From time to time, I like to pause and take a few moments and put down some thoughts to share with all of you. So, this month, I decided it was once again time to do so again.

Since my initial involvement in LARC in June 1985, I've seen firsthand its remarkable and steady growth. It's been one of the most gratifying and rewarding experiences of my life. More importantly, it's helped me to come out more and has helped to give me a sense of confidence in myself that I did not have previously. Over the years, I have seen other members join LARC who were very closeted and afraid of being exposed through their involvement in the club. All of these same members are now more at ease with themselves and comfortable around other LARC members. Sometimes we all feel like we don't really and truly do things that make a difference in the lives of others. Time and time again I've seen how members have been positively influenced by LARC. Members have helped other members not only become better people, but get their licenses too. This shouldn't come as a surprise because that's what LARC is here to do ... help each other and promote the Amateur Radio hobby.

LARC does more than many clubs I know, and we'll continue to do so in the future. The greatest contribution you can make is to be active in the club. Find ways to participate in its many activities. There's still room for two more people to go on the VP2E DXpedition next March — and it'll be an experience you won't soon forget! Or, get active on the nets, OSCAR, or other activities. If you need help, just call the LARC Hotline at (215) 978-LARC and ask. After all, we're all here to help you!

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Membership rosters are published several times each year and will be inserted into an issue of the LAMBDA NET NEWS. This summarized roster lists basic member information. If you'd like to receive a highly detailed, in-depth listing of each member, just send a 9" x 12" self-addressed envelope with \$1.90 postage affixed and a custom printed roster will be on its way to you. This way you can have an updated roster as often as you'd like and LARC will not be sending rosters to anyone who doesn't want one

Mail your request TODAY to:

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LARC Chapter Directory

City of Brotherly Love (COBL)

Chapter

Contact: Jim Kelly (KK3K)
P.O. Box 24810
Philadelphia, PA 19130
(215) 978-LARC

Serves Phila. metro area including S. Jersey, N. Delaware, and Maryland. Meetings every 6-8 weeks. No dues. Note: Chapter presently inactive.

Finger Lakes Chapter — 1993

Contact: Dave Minchella (KE2GE)
80 Campfire Rd. North
Henrietta, NY 14467
(716) 359-3337

Serves western and central NY state. Meetings 3rd Friday each month for dinner and meeting. Dues are \$5 per year. Chapter outings to local attractions.

Gateway (GLARC) Chapter — 1993

Contact: Bob Hamilton (WA0S)
2301 Park Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63104-2541
(314) 773-4056

Serves midwest. Meetings 1st Thursday of each month. Call for location.

Hollywood Chapter — 1993

Contact: Rick Fearn (K6VE), President
P.O. Box 65643
Los Angeles, CA 90065
(213) 256-6556

Serves southern California. Meetings are quarterly on weekends on announced schedule. Dues. Note: Field trips and outings are often scheduled.

Personal Stuff

I would like to correspond with any LARC members who are or were nightclub D.J.s or who collect modern dance music. Write or call —

Robert Baker, WA2IEK
262 40th Street
Irvington, NJ 07111-1149
(201) 374-9631

Would like to meet ham (or aspiring ham) for friendship and possible relationship.

Dale A. Clark, WA2CFQ
Box 668
Wellsville, KS 66092
(913) 883-4090

(Leave message on machine if I'm out.)

I would like to share my home and expense with a compatible ham.

LeRoy D. Lawhorn, W4VIW
Lambda #1095
213 McDonald Street
Greenville, SC 29609-5630
(803) 233-3527

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Licensing: An Anguillian license is required. LARC members and Anguilla residents Dave (VP2EHF) and Dorothea (VP2EE) Mann will handle the licenses in person on our behalf at Radio Anguilla and the Department of Information and Broadcasting.

Side Trips: Since St. Martin is only a short ferry boat ride away, a day trip can easily be arranged.

Rooms: Syd-Ans Apartment Hotel in Sandy Ground, Anguilla, site of the first LARC-sponsored DXpedition in 1992 by WB6LYI & KK3K. These modest and low-cost lodgings include six 1-bedroom apartments. They can accommodate 12-14 people. If we get enough participants we can take over the entire facility for the week, so making noise will not be a problem. The local police station is across the street. There are a number of local restaurants and a dive shop within walking distance. The beautiful beach and bay for sunning, swimming and snorkeling is about 200 feet from the front door. We'll have accommodations that are more like apartments with kitchen. This allows us to shop in the local market (an interesting experience in itself), and prepare food the way we want it. Besides, some of the gang are excellent cooks! This not only saves money, but let's us eat what and when we feel like it. We will likely dine out at a local eatery 3 evening meals during the week. Also, we can personally vouch for the outstanding bartending skills of many of the returning LARCers from the last trip to Montserrat. LARC DXpedition team members are advised to prepare yourselves for the tropical sun of the Caribbean so you won't be burned to a crisp in the sun. Don suggests taking out a 2-3 month subscription at your local tanning salon and book yourself a schedule to get you a head start on your tan. Besides, it makes your friends and co-workers incredibly jealous of you when they know they'll be stuck in the snow while you're soaking up the warm sun and tradewind breezes with a cool tropical drink in your hand!

LARC Constitution and By-Laws Revision Commences

LARC Vice President Howard (W9BVD) has started working on the LARC Constitution and By-Laws which will be revised and submitted to the membership for ratification. LARC members with comments or suggestions should send them to Howard via Genie-mail or U.S. mail. Howard will

compile all suggestions and re-writes and prepare a draft revision of the LARC Constitution and By-LAWS. After Howard completes the re-write and after the LARC Executive Committee approves a draft revision, it will be submitted to the membership for a vote.

Amateur Radio Newslite, Inc. and Westlink Report Again Cover LARC

The electronic BBS version of Amateur Radio Newslite posted 10/03/93 included the coverage of LARC under the heading LAMBDA vs. GREEN. Excerpts from the item included the following: "Lambda Amateur Radio Club President Jim Kelly, KK3K says that 73 Magazine publisher Wayne Green, W2NSD is — and we quote — "incapable of distinguishing between just and proper legal activities and those that are frivolous" — end quote. Kelly's statement follows a series of scathing editorials about him and Lambda by W2NSD after the group filed its discrimination complaint against the American Radio Relay League. But Kelly is fighting back." According to independent sources, the Westlink Report has also covered LARC's response to Green's slurs. But this time evidently without additional homophobic editorial comments about LARC and homosexuals like those that were included in prior Westlink coverage of the LARC v. ARRL discrimination complaint.

LARC "GET OUT THE WORD" Campaign Expands

The ad campaign designed to get the word out about LARC is expanding. More ads are being run but we still need coverage in most areas of the country. The LARC executive committee urges each and every member to take a few moments to place an ad in your local community newspaper.

Three new ad notifications were received this month: one from Donna (N8PSH) who is placing an ad in the Detroit area Affirmations Newsletter; one from John (AA2DY) who has secured a listing in The Loft Community News, the newsletter of the lesbian and gay community center serving the lower Hudson Valley, NY area; and one from John (WK8X), who placed an ad in the Network News which serves the lesbian and gay community of Western Michigan.

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Good work, John, Donna and John! Ads are running in Utica (NY) and several additional upstate NY areas, San Diego, Detroit, Indianapolis, the Hudson Valley (NY) area, Palm Beach (FL), Philadelphia, and Western Michigan.

The following LARC members have placed GET OUT THE WORD campaign ads: Jim (AF9A); Eric (WA0KVD); Lu (KA4EPS); Joe (WA2NGX); Jim (KK3K); Donna (N8PSH); John (AA2DY), and John (WK8X).

Here is a sample ad: (heading) **RADIO & COMPUTER CLUB** -(text) Join the **LAMBDA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB** for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered radio, electronics and computer enthusiasts. **GENIE & Internet E-Mail roundtables**, on-the-air ham radio meetings, monthly newsletter, ham licensing help and more! Call 215-978-LARC or write POB 24810, Phila. 19130.

If you would like foreign language versions of the ad, contact Don (WB6LYI). Available now are English, French (great for Canada), and Spanish. Available soon will be German, Italian, and Japanese.

Remember, LARC will pay up to 50% of the cost of ads in the event the ad is not free. Do your part to counteract the homophobia in ham radio. Place your ad now!

Welcome New Members

Welcome to Karen Garrison (AA1AH) of Durham, NH; Janice Tobin (N8TYV) of Lakewood, OH; and welcome back to former LARC member Kelly Boswell (KA5MGL) of Conway, AR.

Report on LARC HF Nets

LARC members are urged to check out the Sunday afternoon 19:00 Zulu LARC 20 meter SSB roundtable. On October 3 there were 8 check-ins. Dale Clark (WA0CFQ) will also listen for LARC members on 40 meters (7.230 and above) at 21:00 Zulu on Sundays after the regularly published nets. Comments relative to net schedules are welcome!

Member Correspondence

From Howard (W9BVD): I have been spending lots of money the last few days. I ordered the HyGain Oscar 13 antenna set but it was not in stock so it is being drop shipped from the factory. They said 7 to 10 days. I have already received the rf concepts amplifier. In addition I have

ordered the advanced receiver research preamp and the rotor. I don't know how long it will take to get it all assembled, but it shouldn't be too long. I will investigate the reservations for the LARC DXpedition tomorrow. From Rob (KA2EGO): My sales management job takes me all over the U.S. and Canada weekly. My big news is that 2 weeks before my 30th birthday in November 1992, my daughter Meghann was born. A lesbian couple, friends of mine, asked me to be the father, so, the "gayby" boom is going strong in the 90's! She's great, blue eyes an dark hair like me! I still have not set up my rig, in part procrastination, part no time. I will soon and I look forward to getting back on the air.

From Dick (K3AKK): Duane (K4UW) and Gary (KD4SRX) came by and helped put up a new tower for the tribander a month or so ago and I'm checking into the nets more often than once a year. Big signals out of Florida on 20 meters!

From John (AA2DY): A friend of mine in Vermont was talking to WB1BRE, ARRL New England Division Director, at a meeting of a local ham club. He asked him about the LARC situation and why there has been no mention of it in QST, and all WB1BRE had to say was "no comment." My friend let it be known that he was opposed to the League's discriminatory practices ... I worked my 255th DX country this week, ZD9/Tristan da Cunha ... You may recall that last year I mentioned to you (KK3K) that your editorials had quite an influence on making me realize the importance of coming out. Since then, I have come out to my family, with no bad results. It sure feels good to be out, and I wish I had done it sooner.

Chapter News

Don (WB6LYI) reports that he got a letter from Larry Vogt (N4VA) announcing the formation of LARC — ASIA, P.O. Box 86, Taipei, Taiwan. The first member will likely be a YD0, a gay ham in Indonesia. There's an eyeball QSO planned in November. Larry's also running some ads to promote LARC in Asia!

LAMBDA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB - Finger Lakes Chapter - Minutes of September 1993 Meeting - Location: Dede's Exit 45 Restaurant, Victor NY. Friday evening, Sept 17, 1993. Present:

Dave KE2GE, Jim N2IMS, Lisa KB2DWB, Monica N2TFJ, Joe WA2NGX, Irv AF2K

Following dinner, the meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM by Chairman Dave KE2GE. Minutes from the August meeting were distributed, and a motion was made and carried to approve as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: N2IMS indicated a current balance of \$15.80. A collection was then solicited from all present as a contribution from FLC to be forwarded to Lambda Legal Defense Fund.

Dave KE2GE reported on notice from the Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley detailing their Gay and Lesbian film festival, coming up in October. Dave also reported that Rochester's "Out and About" group is on "shaky ground". Their "Life Signs" newsletter may cease publication. Dave commented on the Laser show that several members attended following last month's meeting. The visit to the Antique Wireless museum will be re-scheduled to sometime in October.

Old Business: The FLC Field Day banner has been completed by Dave and Jim. Irv AF2K circulated snapshots of FLC Field Day Weekend, and also a photo of April 1993 LARC Dayton contingent. Joe WA2NGX reminded everyone of the meeting room offer from "The Pentagon." Jim N2IMS will call the club to obtain more details. Joe also suggested the possibility of additional advertising in Gay and Lesbian publications in the Syracuse, Utica, Ithaca, Binghamton, and Buffalo areas. He circulated a copy of "The Fifth Column" newspaper. Joe indicated he would pick up FLC's share of the cost of an ad, with National paying the other 50%. Discussion took place regarding establishment of a separate Field Day fund. A chapter dues increase to \$7.50 was suggested, with \$2.50 being set aside for that purpose. No action taken, tabled until November. Irv AF2K announced a public service event, Cleveland (Ohio) AIDS Walk-A-Thon on Sunday Sept. 26th. Further information available from Bob KA8UHL or Brian N8VTA at LARC's North Coast Chapter. Motion for adjournment was made at 8:35 PM. Respectfully submitted, I.J. Goodman (AF2K) — minutes courtesy Joe (WA2NGX).

From the Other Side of the Stall

by Andrew (G6HEL, Bicester, Oxfordshire, England)

No doubt we have all attended radio rallies at some time of another and joined the heaving masses of other Hams looking for that elusive bargain. These sorts of events are not just restricted to Amateur Radio. In Britain, there are a growing number of companies who are organising what have become known as "Computer Fairs." All seem to publish a diary of events in the various computing magazines and it's rare to find a weekend when there are no fairs taking place.

For those in search of hardware or software at knock down prices, these are the events to attend. The goods on sale come from a wide variety of sources. Much hardware has been picked up from companies who have upgraded. Very often the cheap computer hard disks have come straight out of machines being upgraded and still have applications software, like Windows, on them.

Also, there is "old-new stock." A good example of this is applications software which is one or two versions out of date. New and unopened, this stuff has been sold to traders often to clear stock that would otherwise occupy space for ever more. Do not forget that this sort of software can still be registered with the manufacturer for warranty purposes.

If you're lucky it is possible to pick up brand new and up to date goods at these events. This may be due to a liquidator selling a bankrupt company's stock at silly prices just to get rid of the assets. Liquidators rarely know the potential value of such items. On occasion, high street traders take to the road and attend the Sunday events to boost their turn over. In this instance, they may cut profit margins to allow stock from the shop to be sold at prices more in line with those found at trade fairs.

We have all, I am sure, turned up at rallies and fairs to find many stalls laden with goods for sale. But, what is involved in attending such an event as a trader?

First, contact needs to be made with the organisers of the show, so that a table (or tables) can be hired. At shows in the U.K., the current going rent for the use of a table is about £30, but often a discount is available for multiple table hire. With accommodation organised, the stock needs to be acquired and, as detailed earlier, this can come from a variety of sources. At this stage, it is important to work out the cost of the stock, cost of the table hire, staffing costs, and the cost of the transport to and from the show. Armed with this information, profit margins and retail prices can be determined, which is vital so that you can judge how much need to be sold to reach the break-even point and then into profit. Regular traders will spend their weekdays organising stock ready for the weekend shows and often from experience will have a feel for pricing. On occasion, at a show the pricing policy goes out the window when you find another trader selling the same item at a lower price. This is when knowing the cost price is important. Do you match the opposition's retail price or do you undercut it with the possibility of starting a price war?

The final part of trading is often the most difficult for many. This is the getting up in the wee small hours of a Saturday or Sunday morning to load the transport, get to the event, set up and start trading at opening time. From Central Southern England, some shows can be two or three hours away and, for a show starting at 10.00am, you really need to be on-site by about 09.00am. Be warned that refreshments tend to be expensive, so

Mouse Alert

(This is an actual alert that went out to all IBM Branch Office Field Engineers. It was not meant as a joke.)

Abstract: mouse balls available as field replacement units.

Mouse balls are now available as FRU. Therefore, if a mouse fails to operate or should it perform erratically, it may need a ball replacement. Because of the delicate nature of this procedure, replacement of mouse balls should only be attempted by properly trained personnel.

Before proceeding, determine the type of mouse balls by examining the underside of the mouse. Domestic balls will be larger and harder than foreign balls. Ball removal procedures differ depending upon manufacturer of the mouse. Foreign balls can be replaced using the pop-off method. Domestic balls are replaced using the twist-off method.

Mouse balls are not usually static sensitive. However, excessive handling can result in sudden discharge. Upon completion of ball replacement, the mouse may be used immediately.

It is recommended that each replacer have a pair of spare balls for maintaining optimum customer satisfaction and that any customer missing his balls should suspect local personnel of removing these necessary items.

To re-order, specify one of the following:

P/N 33F8462 — Domestic Mouse Balls

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Novice Schedule Anyone?

I would like to CW QSO with any interested LARC member in the Novice 40 meter or 15 meter bands, or even start in informal Novice/Technician Net for the Western/Central area. I'm currently restricted to CW Novice QRP operation (which is pretty fun, actually). Also, are there any other QRP hounds out there?

Art Anderson, KB0JQP, 425 E. Williamette #24, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. 719- 520-1485

Let's Hear From You!

The LNN can always use your ideas, comments, stories, or experiences to share with other members. You don't have to be an accomplished writer, but you do have to say something. Keep your story short and it'll be easier to use. See page 2 for information on how to send us your story.

it may be a good idea to prepare your own sandwiches and a flask of tea for the day.

Next time you're wandering around a radio rally or computer fair, just spare a thought for those on the other side of the stall.

A Tale Worth Watching

by Stuart Hill (GØBEV, Newcastle, England)

Afficionados of Armistead Maupin have a treat in store. The celebrated Tales of the City series of novels has at last arrived on the small screen. For those who still haven't made their acquaintance, the tales, set in the mid-70s, relate to a group of people, gay and otherwise in equal numbers, and their life and times in a liberated rooming house run by their eccentric landlady, one Anna Madrigal. The books, which arose out of the serial column that Maupin wrote for a San Francisco daily newspaper, attracted a very large readership, by no means all of it gay. With the author's imprimatur, they are now appearing on British television in a series promoted by the television company, Channel 4.

The latter independent company has for a long time had a reputation of serving the tastes of minorities (e.g. gay, black etc) where the other, more timid, Independent Television companies and BBC would not. Putting its money where its mouth was, Channel 4 put up nearly \$8 million for the series when no US backers would support it. Maupin's novels had been considered by several producers, but none were prepared to back production without emasculation of the text, fearing reaction to the depiction of drugs, liberated life-styles of the 70s, and in particular, portrayal of positive images of gay characters. Even the mildest of scenes of intimacy between gay men or women has been a no-no for Hollywood and latterly the television companies. Maupin was determined not to concede on this and withheld rights to production without guarantee that the spirit and letter of the books would be respected.

Channel 4 grasped the nettle and followed their principles — the result has been the centrepiece of their autumn drama schedule. The novels were adapted by Richard Kramer (noted for his previous adaptations of gay texts) and take a very literal, almost page by page, representation of the originals. The series was made by Working Horse Films (also responsible for other successes such as My Beautiful Laundrette, and Caravaggio) and will be shown in the U.S. during January next year on PBS channels. The result has been an almost cinematic presentation, and has an wholly authentic air entirely redolent of San Francisco of the period, right down to the

hair-styles and flares! Though it has a little of the soap-opera in it, the production rises well above this to achieve an entirely more credible feel. Personally I found it almost painfully nostalgic to watch as I recalled the time only too well and the City ambience will be instantly recognisable by anyone who has had any acquaintance at all with it.

For anyone who knows the novels well, it can be quite a shock to have one's preconceived character icons challenged by the screen persona. My own impressions didn't always square with what I saw on the screen, but that's not to be taken as a criticism, rather a reflection on how I read the books! Olympia Dukakis is a somewhat larger than life Anna Madrigal, but then, she is! Laura Linney seems a little more wide-eyed innocently portrayed that I could have imagined, but the rest are there, right on cue. There are some splendid cameos — Donald Wolfit as Edgar, for instance, or even Sir Ian McKellen (of whom I've written previously) as the unctuous Arch Giddes. I suspect that Marcus D'Amico as Michael will have a great deal of appeal in many ways — maybe one of the most attractive and sympathetic characters in the production.

Anyway, whatever one reads into the characters, an outstanding feature of the production (as in the books) is the equal and positive manner in which the gay characters are portrayed. Like the rest of us, they are human with human failings and strengths. That they are gay is at one and the same time both vital and also supremely irrelevant; they live in the real world and do the same things that all of us do, and have the same needs and wants that we all have. The series deserves to succeed, and if it reaches a wide enough audience which can see gay people represented just like the rest of us, then maybe it will do some good. It's time we had some positive images that those with open minds are prepared to look at as credible, for images do have power to transform. Of course, there are always those of whom it may be said (as they do over here in my part of the world) "are none so deaf as those who don't want to hear" — but their like will always be with us anyway.

So, judge for yourselves, but watch that space and enjoy!

AIDS Walk

Well, this is Cleveland afterall, and so the weather changed yet again by walk time. When we arrived at Edgewater it was once again cloudy, cold and windy — but at least no longer rainy!

Once the weather was overcome, we next had to deal with the reaction to politicians' speeches! As Mayor Michael White and Ohio Attorney General Lee Fisher spoke, an "advance flank" of walkers went charging off up the hill.

At the organizers' request, we attempted to halt the stampede, but without success. We're waiting now to see if they make the Guinness Book of World Records.

Bob (KA8UHL) worked Net Control posted at the upper level at Edgewater Park. Regrettably, however, the sight-seeing wasn't what it could have been given the cool temperatures!

Brian (N8VTA) was posted at the beach level at Edgewater by the medical tent and ambulance. Organizers provided him one of their rented business HTs which he used to keep our net and their communications linked.

Dave (W8AJR) took up a position at Lakewood Park, the turn-around point, while most everyone else cruised the course keeping an eye on things. That is everyone except Janice (N8TYV) ...

Once we get better organized, the North Coast Chapter will create a special medal for hazardous duty!

Janice was posted in the "poop-out van" and learned one really doesn't need a radio if you go fast enough. The van practically arrived ahead of the electromagnetic waves from her radio!

If one was sagging when they entered the sag wagon, they were alert with adrenaline afterwards.

Once things wrapped up about 4:30, we gathered at Billy's restaurant to relax and socialize. We were joined by Ray's (N8KBF) friend, Rich, and LARC member Steve Chekey from Litchfield. Steve had been at the Cleveland Hamfest and knew from our newsletter that we'd be at Billy's.

Dinner was good, and then we moved on to my QTH until about 8:30 where we conversed on an array of subjects. The conversation on language and linguistics particularly interesting, and shows that you'll find knowledgeable folk on all subjects in ham radio.

All in all, a good time was had by everyone, and we agreed we should get together again soon. And, of course, there'll be another AIDS Walk in 1994!

Lambda Amateur Radio Club

Annual Membership Renewal Form

Your dues for the coming year in the Lambda Amateur Radio Club are now due. If you belong to an Affiliated Chapter, your chapter may receive a rebate of a portion of your dues. Be sure to indicate your local chapter's name on the form.

If you joined LARC since September 1st of this year, your dues are considered paid for next year, but you still **must return** this member renewal form for mailing address verification. Thank you for joining LARC!

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Be sure to check the correct boxes and write-in the total amount you are sending to LARC. Mail this **ENTIRE** completed sheet along with your check or postal money order to the LARC renewal address shown below.
2. Enclose your check or postal money order in U.S. funds made payable to "Lambda Amateur Radio Club."
3. **Mail promptly to:** Tom Hendrix (KI4ZN), 02406 Lake Ella Road, Fruitland Park, FL 34731-5324 U.S.A.

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This is a single, regular LARC membership as you've paid in the past.

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This is a new type of membership designed to save LARC mailing costs and to reduce your membership dues. It allows you and another member of your family to both be full members in LARC. You will both be listed separately on club rosters and your family will receive a single copy of the Lambda Net News.

Student / Low Income LARC Membership

This is a new type of membership designed to help LARC defray a portion of the costs of mailing the Lambda Net News to you each month.

Other Important Details

Your renewal is due only if the "Dues Paid To" date on your mailing label is 12/31/93 or before. For convenience, many members pay 2-3 years ahead.

All renewals are direct to LARC only. If you belong to an Affiliated Chapter, LARC will rebate a portion of your dues back to your Affiliated Chapter. Your chapter Treasurer has the details.

Why Dues Went Up

The principal reason that dues are being increased is a previously-announced postage rate hike by the U.S. Postal Service in the months ahead, and we are looking for ways to expand our member services and advertising programs.

DX in the Tropics: VP2E Hamcation

Caribbean Island Apartment for Hamcation Rental in Anguilla, British West Indies

Location: The apartment is located above Little Harbour on the side of South Hill. It is in the lower part of a private home. The apartment has its own porch, two captain's beds (with two fountains available for extra sleeping capacity), a desk operating position for ham radio operators, a kitchenette (mini-fridge, stove, and sink), full bathroom with shower, and closet space. There are ceiling fans, built-in bookcase, and eating utensils. Maid service is provided.

Rates: The rates are US\$80 per day plus 8% government tax (total US\$86.40 per day) for up to two people. Extra persons (up to two extra) cost an additional US\$10 per day.

Deposit: The first and last day's rental is required as a deposit. A U.S. check is fine. If you cancel at least seven days prior to your scheduled visit, we will refund your deposit in full.

Payment: Cash or check. We are unable to accept credit cards.

Rental Cars: We can arrange for your car. It is US\$27-35 per day, depending on the time of year. The car rental agency takes credit cards and needs to see your U.S. driver's license when you pick up the car. You will receive a temporary Anguillian driver's license, which costs US\$6. Driving is on the left, but it is not difficult to get used to as there is not much traffic in Anguilla.

Getting Here: The easiest way is through San Juan, Puerto Rico. American Airlines run American Eagle service from San

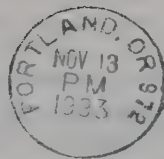
Juan direct to Anguilla and takes about 55 minutes. There are two flights a day, one in the morning and the other at night. Flights leaving Anguilla are in the morning and in the afternoon.

Ham License: Send a copy of your license to us and we will arrange a VP2E license for you. It costs US\$39 for a stroke call sign (VP2E/your call). A regular VP2E call sign costs double, but can frequently be arranged. Or, you can wait until your arrival and we will take you to the licensing authority and you can get your own license. Of course, a U.S. Passport is required.

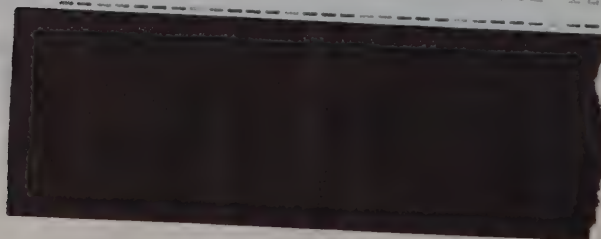
Equipment: Bring your own rig. The ham position is equipped with a 50-amp Astron power supply, 12-volt power strip, antenna tuner, dummy load, antenna switch, a 2-meter voice and packet rig, packet TNC, 4-element tribander (10, 15, and 20 meters), and a Butternut vertical (10-160 meters). Electrical supply is 120-volts AC, 60 Hz. Special arrangements can be made for moonbounce for 6- or 2-meter DXers. A 6-element six-meter beam and an 18-element two meter beam are available by special arrangement. Also, a rental laptop computer with contest and logging software may be rented for US\$10 per day. So, just bring your own HF rig and favorite mic or CW key.

Contact: LARC members Dave (VP2EHF) or Dorothea (VP2EE) Mann, Little Harbour, Anguilla, British West Indies. Phone & FAX: (809) 497-2150 (FAX picks up after 8 rings.)

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Net Newsbits

by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

Forbidden Planet: Was the Mars Observer Attacked And Destroyed?

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NASA lost radio contact with its Mars Observer spacecraft on Saturday August 21, 1993, just days before it was expected to enter into a circular orbit 400 km above the surface of the planet. Orbit insertion was supposed to have occurred on Tuesday, August 24th at about 1:30 PM Pacific Daylight Time. The spacecraft was expected to begin global surface mapping of Mars on December 16th that would have lasted an entire Martian year of 687 Earth days. Various attempts were made to re-establish contact with the spacecraft, but so far the Mars Observer has remained silent.

NASA engineers believe a transistor in the satellite's clock failed, rendering the Mars Observer "brain-dead" and radio silent. It seems improbable that the spacecraft automatically entered into orbit around Mars, and probably missed its destination completely.

The Mars Observer was launched on September 25, 1992 on a Titan III rocket from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Florida. On July 26, 1993 at 8:52 PM PDT, the Mars Observer returned its first image of Mars when it was 5.8 million kilometers from the red planet. That image was taken using the spacecraft's

high resolution, narrow angle telescopic camera.

In 1976, an unmanned NASA Viking spacecraft successfully photographed the surface of Mars from an altitude of approximately 1700 kilometers. The objective of the Viking mission was to search for evidence of intelligent life on Mars, either now or in the past. Image 35A72 taken by Viking-1 and received by the Jet Propulsion Lab showed a mile-long, 1500 foot high humanoid "face" staring into eternity on the surface of Mars. It was later dismissed without investigation by NASA as a "trick of light and shadow" and filed away. Frame 70A13 taken over the same area with a higher sun-angle showed the same feature in addition to a pyramid-like structure approximately 16 kilometers southwest of the "face".

In 1980, Vincent DiPietro and Gregory Molenaar, imaging engineers under contract to NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center on another project, stumbled across these Viking images. After further investigation they discovered folds and horizontal stripes on the "headpiece" or "helmet" of the face which resembled those of Egyptian Pharaohs, symmetrical cheekbones, an eye socket, eyeball, and pupil, nose, mouth, and teeth. The facial proportions were found to be similar to those of early man. DiPietro and Molenaar published their findings and conclusions in 1980 and were stonewalled by the planetary science community for doing so.

In a feature article in "Soviet Life" magazine published in 1984, the Russians revealed their own fascination with the

LARC DXpedition to VP2E

by Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI, Long Beach, CA)

LARC members are on the move again! You might recall in the last issue of the LNN, it was stated that the 1994 LARC DXpedition was to have been the U.S. Virgin Islands. Things change quickly!

Due to the extreme difficulty of arranging for hotel rooms for 16-18 LARC members and guests, it was decided that an alternative location should be researched. Five different islands were researched and it was decided that a return trip to Anguilla, British West Indies was the most appropriate choice for a number of reasons, including: 1) LARC members live there who can help us with logistical details like license and power equipment, 2) the last operation there was two years ago (by VP2SE/WB6LYI) and was conducted mid-week, so there were fewer contacts than otherwise would have been made, 3) many, newer satellite operators have never worked VP2E, 4) hotel rooms are available at reasonable cost (in fact, we will take over a complex all to ourselves for our stay, 5) the island is accessible directly by American Airlines, 6) the snorkeling is great, 7) the weather is great, and 8) the company is fantastic!

The current list of LARC members planning to go on this trip is 14 who have verbally confirmed and another 4 unconfirmed.

While time is incredibly short due to the need to have a confirmed air reservation far in advance, it's still possible to book the trip and join us. But, you must act now! First, make an air



President's Key

by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

President, LARC

National Coming Out Day is October 11 every year. Why is an important day? Why is coming out so important? According to the National Coming Out Day committee's brochure: "There are over 30 million lesbians and gay men in America, yet most people think they don't know anyone gay or lesbian. It is no wonder people don't believe they can relate to us or our concerns. **THE PRICE WE PAY FOR THIS INVISIBILITY IS ENORMOUS.** The poor government response to the AIDS epidemic, discrimination in employment and the military, and the perpetuation of anti-gay state ballot measures are but a few tragic examples of how costly our silence can be. Equality will be there for us only when we come out and show our pride. Our open participation in society is critical to our empowerment, our safety, and our well-being. For gay men and lesbians to live in terror of being discovered is unacceptable. Future generations of gay and lesbian people count on our courage to come out now. If we don't commit to the process of coming out, anti-gay prejudice will continue. The future is up to us."

Remember too that there is no such thing as a "privacy" right to remain in the closet. If you elect to remain closeted, what you're asking the rest of us to is keep your secret without our consent to do so, not respect your privacy. There's a big difference since the secrecy of the closet hurts us all. This year on October 11 or before, take a positive step out of the closet!

Now for some comedy. For the second month in a row, 73 Amateur Radio Today publisher Wayne Green (W2NSD/1) has bashed sexual minorities. This time the topic is "homosexuals in amateur radio." The text of Green's rambling, contradictory, ill-informed and often incoherent remarks can be found on pages 76 & 78 of the October 1993 issue of the magazine. Once you read Green's comments I'm sure you'll agree that his insistence that he's not homophobic is really laughable!

First, Green characterizes homosexuality as a "deviation from the norm" like "Being too tall, too short, too stupid, too intelligent, too ugly, too pretty, too fat, too buxom, too flat chested ... deviations that we don't take with grace and understanding." Then, in the next paragraph Green refers to homosexuality rather as a "psychological abnormality." I wonder, which is it Uncle Wayne, a naturally occurring "deviation" from some arbitrary norm, or a "psychological abnormality?" And are you the only member of your perfect deviation-less world? What a delusion! Green goes on in typical homophobic fashion to link gayness with AIDS, promiscuity, and child molestation. Come on now, Uncle Wayne, you can do better than that! Why not blame us for WW I, WW II, the arms race and the dark ages! Not content to bash just gays, Green then attacks "militant feminists." Then Green returns to his primary target and invokes Judaism, Christianity and Mother Nature herself as proofs that homosexuality "fails." There! I just knew old Uncle Wayne could dump on us real good if he tried hard. Finally, Green states "I had a good laugh over the spot Clinton got himself into by catering to the militant gays and promising them out-of-the-closet military careers." Ah ha! Uncle Wayne on those "militant" gays in the military! You know, the ones that have always served with distinction, many of whom are award-winning service members, and including those sexual minority members who died serving their country! How could we ever do without Uncle Wayne's expert, unbiased opinion on this issue? Get this: Green says he served on a submarine during WW II with 80 other sailors "all men and good buddies." But none of them were gay, according to Green: "If we'd had some gays sleeping right next to us in those crowded quarters, it could have created tremendous tension." HI! Yea, sure, Uncle Wayne, none of them were gay. Evidently Green must have been dozing while his "good buddies" were relieving their "tensions!" Yep, the old "cramped quarters" argument once again. How original, Uncle Wayne. What a hoot!

In an earlier paragraph, Green complains about the use of the label "homophobic" by "militant homosexuals" because "no such phobia exists in any medical list of phobias." Well Uncle Wayne, I refer you to Webster's Collegiate Dictionary (1991) which defines homophobia as "unreasonable fear of or antipathy toward homosexuals and homosexuality." I think the definition is certainly apropos here since Green's latest editorial serves as a textbook case in point! Actually though, Green is getting funnier and funnier. I may have to consider re-subscribing to 73 Amateur Radio Today just for its comedy value. de KK3K

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(Leave message on machine if I'm out.)

I would like to share my home and expense with a compatible ham.

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Martian "sphinx" and five-sided pyramids found in the Viking photos. In an effort to carry out their own investigations, the former USSR launched Phobos I and Phobos II, two unmanned satellites to the planet Mars on July 12, 1988. The reason for launching two craft was for redundancy in case one malfunctioned. Phobos I was lost after it received a bad command during its journey to Mars and fell silent when controllers tried to re-acquire it on the way. Phobos II arrived in January 1989 and entered an orbit around Mars as the first phase towards its real destination, a small Martian moon called Phobos. The mission was flawless until the craft aligned itself with Phobos. On March 28, 1989, an elliptical object was detected to be moving towards the satellite seconds before it failed. All indications were that the elliptical object had collided with the satellite which was now dead and left spinning out of control. On March 28, 1989 Tass, the official Soviet news agency stated: "Phobos II failed to communicate with Earth as scheduled after completing an operation yesterday around the Martian moon Phobos. Scientists at mission control have been unable to establish stable radio contact." The next day a top official of the Soviet Space Agency (Glavkosmos) stated: "Phobos II is 99% lost for good." It is important to note that he stated the entire satellite was gone and not that just radio contact was lost with it.

On March 30, 1989 at 4:41 PM EST, the Associated Press released the following statement: "Soviet research centers are now trying to interpret so far 'unexplained optical phenomena' on the pictures of the Martian surface. The pictures show an enigmatic strip 23-25 miles wide and a large spindle-shaped formation."

On March 31, 1989 headlines dispatched by the Moscow correspondents of the European News Agency (EFE) stated: "Phobos 2 Captured Strange Photos of Mars Before Losing Contact With It's Base. Vremya revealed

yesterday that the space probe Phobos II, which was orbiting above Mars when Soviet scientists lost contact with it on Monday, had photographed an unidentified object on the Martian surface seconds before losing contact." Scientists described the unidentified object as a thin ellipse 20 kilometers in length. It was further stated that the photos could not be an illusion because they were captured by 2 different color cameras as well as cameras taking infrared shots. One controller at the Kaliningrad control center concluded that the Phobos II probe was left spinning out of control, a result of being struck or shot. In the October 19, 1989 issue of Nature Magazine, Soviet scientists concluded that the craft could be spinning because it was impacted. Not since the NASA Viking missions in 1976 has there been a successful unmanned mission to Mars. NASA's Mars Observer is simply the latest in a series of spacecraft destined for Mars that failed unexpectedly just prior to reaching the planet. The mystery continues.

(Footnote: An extensive article on the Viking Cydonia photographs written by H. B. Mandel (KA1XO), appeared in the March, 1992 issue of The Satellite Operator. Enhanced and enlarged reproductions of some of the photographs accompanied the text. Much of the text is devoted to a presentation of a mathematical analysis of the features photographed by the Viking spacecraft. The author demonstrates that the unusual features and their positions conform to certain established mathematical conventions and concludes that these features are "artifacts" rather than "natural occurrences." The "face" and "pyramids" are quite prominent in the Viking photographs. - de KK3K)

W5YI Report Covers LARC

The W5YI Report has once again afforded coverage to LARC. On page #6 of Vol. 15, Issue #18 dated September 15, 1993, the entire text of a LARC press release issued recently in response to

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LARC VP2E DXpedition

reservation. American flies direct, but competitive fares are also available on USAir. Second, call me at 310-494-6765 and let me know so I can make arrangements for a room. If you reach my answering machine, be sure to leave ALL of the flight information plus a number where I can call you back.

This will be the trip of a lifetime — don't miss out!

Net Newsbits

Wayne Green's editorial bashing of LARC is reproduced. This is significant not only because it is a published rebuttal of Wayne Green, but also because the press release which was reproduced in its entirety contains a full reference to the history and current status of LARC's discrimination complaint against the ARRL and thus serves to help keep the pressure on League officials who have thus far refused to settle the complaint. The W5YI Report has once again proven that it is an impartial source for ham radio related news including news about LARC. In a related development, Wayne Green (W2NSD/1) editorialized again on gays in amateur radio for the second consecutive month in the October issue of 73 Amateur Radio Today. See LARC President Jim Kelly's (KK3K) "President's Key" column in this issue for a perspective on Green's latest homophobic diatribe.

LARC "GET OUT THE WORD" Campaign Continues

The ad campaign designed to get the word out about LARC is continuing although the participation of LARC members in the campaign has not been overwhelming. The LARC executive committee urges each and every member to take a few moments to place a small ad in your local community newspaper. Only one new ad notification was received this month, from Joe (WA2NGX) who is placing an ad in the Fifth Column, which serves the Ithaca, Binghamton, Syracuse, Rochester, and Buffalo, NY areas. Good work, Joe! Ads are running in Utica (NY), San Diego, Indianapolis, Palm Beach (FL) and Philadelphia. The following LARC members have placed GET OUT THE WORD campaign ads: Jim (AF9A); Eric (WA0KVD); Lu (KA4EPS); Joe (WA2NGX) and Jim (KK3K).

Here is a sample ad: (heading) RADIO & COMPUTER CLUB - (text) Join the LAMBDA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered radio, electronics and computer enthusiasts. Genie & Internet E-Mail roundtables, on-the-air ham radio meetings, monthly newsletter, ham licensing help and more! Call 215-978-LARC or write POB 24810, Phila. 19130. Remember, LARC will pay up to 50% of the cost of ads in the event the ad is not free. Do your part to counteract the homophobia in ham radio. Place your ad now!

LARC HF Nets Heating Up For Fall

The number of check-ins to the 19:00 Zulu LARC 20 meter SSB roundtable on Sundays is picking up. On September 27 there were 10 check-ins: W4/G4JKE; WK8X; KI4ZN; KK3K; W9HRQ; WA9LKD; WB5MEI; AF2K; KC0K, and the surprise re-appearance of LARC Vice President Howard (W9BVD) on HF for the first time in many months. Howard was finally able to string up a 20 meter dipole at his new QTH in Valrico, FL and check into the net. Everyone welcomed Howard back. While the 20 meter net seems to be quite reliable, 15m & 10m seem to be pretty dead. One suggestion might be to extend the 19:00 Zulu net to 45 minutes on 20 meters followed by a QSY to 17 meters for the balance of the net for those interested. Comments relative to net schedules are welcome!

Member Correspondence

From Don (WB6LYI): Here's the latest on LARCer Eric, N6ZSU ... He was checked into UCLA Medical Center to receive a new kidney. It's now installed and he's doing better. He sounds great! He was there until Sept. 27, when he went home. He has already started to see some improvement in the

paralysis he has been experiencing due to the lack of a kidney since January 1993. So, give him a call and wish him the best! Eric Levinson, N6ZSU, Home: 818-954-0000.

From James (G4ILW): Hello Everyone, I have been receiving regular LARC mailings at the LARC mailstop on INTERNET. It's been really great to keep a handle on what's going on. Especially, like me, if you don't have time to get on the air very much. I have moved address in London. I don't yet have my new address fully confirmed — I'll let you have my new address soon. (2-3 weeks). All this week (August 29-Sept. 3) I'm in California in Cupertino. If any of you fancy saying hello by 'phone or are passing through then I'm at the Cupertino Inn - I have e-mail in my hotel room.

From Irv (AF2K): Well, made it over to France and back, and had a great time. Great flights, luxury hotel, royal treatment. Managed to see most of the "main attractions", including getting up to Montmartre area two nights. Took TGV down to Marseilles, rented a car and proceeded east to Cannes. Ran out of time so didn't make it to Nice and Monte Carlo. Only wish we had more time to spend on the Riviera. Also, wish we had done our "homework" better as far as the language! Expect to be off HF nets indefinitely if I pull IC-751 out of line for repairs. Both 75 and 40 Recv and Xmit die after about 15 minutes. Serious stuff! Au revoir for now de Irv & Rustye.

Chapter News

Excerpts from the Finger Lakes Chapter Minutes of August 1993 Meeting (Courtesy AF2K and WA2NGX): KE2GE reported he was in receipt of correspondence from the Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley (GAGV) requesting use of our membership list for an Alliance membership committee mailing. It was unanimously agreed that this information would not be shared, even though AF2K indicated he had already sent in a listing of potential names for such a membership solicitation mailing, and the list included some FLC members. KE2GE received a letter from Lambda Legal Defense Fund seeking additional donation for the LARC vs. ARRL complaint. A collection will be taken at the September meeting. A two color Field Day banner is incomplete due to difficulties sewing the material. A special adhesive cement was recommended. Field Day Report: KE2GE expressed sincere thanks to all participants for the great effort. Joe (WA2NGX) read off statistical data from the Summary Sheet. Our Final score should be 2048 points, including bonuses. Irv AF2K reminded everyone that the Field Day site is an excellent one, and we should strive for maximum Chapter participation next year. Following the meeting, several members attended the Laser Light Show presentation at the Strassenburgh Planetarium in Rochester.

North Coast Chapter member Bob (KA8UHL) issued two excellent newsletter-style bulletins with lots of info on the chapter's public service event which was held on September 26th. LARC NCC provided communications support for the 1993 Cleveland AIDS Walk with the support of LEARA, the Lake Erie Amateur Radio Association, which granted LARC NCC the use of the 146.88 Lakewood repeater for the event. According to Bob's bulletin "Several gay-friendly LEARA members plan to join us as volunteers to work the event" during which as many as 2000 participants were expected to walk and raise as much as \$150,000 to fight AIDS. The NCC planned post-walk dinner for chapter members and friends after the event.

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by Jim, KK3K (Philadelphia, PA)

Wayne Green, W2NSD/1 Calls LARC Leader "SCUM"

Controversial publisher Wayne Green has once again devoted editorial space to LARC. In the September 1993 issue of 73 AMATEUR RADIO TODAY magazine, page 76 column 2, paragraph 4, in his "Never Say Die" column Green writes: "My own feeling, often expressed, is that lawyers are brought into amateur radio matters only by scum. When the homosexual ham group sued QST, demanding their ad soliciting members be run, their strident leader went on my suer scum list."

Response to this latest low road attack by Green was swift. LARC past Vice President and Lambda Net News publisher Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI) stated: "I am deeply offended by this attack. I do NOT like being referred to as "scum" just because he (Green) doesn't like the course of action we have taken to attempt to stop the ARRL's discrimination against us. It is uncalled for and demonstrates that, at the very least, Mr. Green does not understand WHY we have a claim against the ARRL with the State of Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities."

LARC President Jim Kelly (KK3K) issued the following statement on August 23 in response to the personal attack from Green:

"Wayne Green's most recent published reference to me (and by extension, to all LARC members) as "scum" for having filed LARC's discrimination complaint against the ARRL is indicative of the depths to which this individual will sink to gratify his ego. The discrimination

complaint which I filed in Connecticut alleging discrimination based on sexual orientation on the part of the American Radio Relay League was filed as a last resort and only after seven years of failed attempts to convince League officials to allow LARC to run a simple membership ad in the League publication QST. While I regret that legal action was necessary to end the discriminatory practices directed at LARC by the League, both LARC's attorneys AND Connecticut State authorities have thus far indicated that our course of action is both proper and appropriate. It is clear that Green is incapable of distinguishing between just and proper legal activities and those that are frivolous. In effect, he cannot distinguish between right and wrong when it comes to lawyers. This current round of name calling by Green is symptomatic of the unusual manner in which he behaves when it comes to legal matters. I will not engage such an individual in a series of attacks and counterattacks or in senseless name calling. His behavior speaks for itself. Green is to be pitied. Meanwhile, LARC's complaint remains pending before the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities. While such matters take time to resolve, I am confident that we will achieve a just outcome not withstanding the ranting and raving of Wayne Green."

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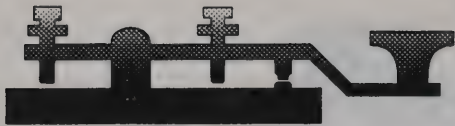
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North Coast LARC Public Service Event Planned For September

by Bob (KA8UHL, Cleveland, OH)

The "as yet unorganized and unofficial" North Coast Chapter of LARC is undertaking its first public service event on Sunday, September 26th. We will be providing communications for the Cleveland AIDS Walk, a benefit to raise funds for five Cleveland-area agencies providing AIDS services. Cleveland Mayor Michael White is the honorary chairperson and will be present to start the Walk. They hope to have 2000 participants and raise \$150,000. All four Cleveland LARC members will be there: Brian (N8VTA), Ray (N8KBF), Janice (N8TYV) and myself. We need more, however, and so are recruiting among gay-friendly hams in several local 2-meter clubs. I'm also trying to enlist the help of former LARC members Bill (KA8TZX) and Dave (WD8IKB). Other "somewhat nearby" Ohio LARC members will be contacted too. We plan to do the event simplex but I've submitted a request to the Lake Erie Amateur Radio Club (LEARA) to use their 146.88 repeater if necessary. If nothing else, we may need the emergency autopatch. All this came about when I learned an old friend is organizing the Walk. I called her up to ask how they're handling communications. She said they were stymied. One year they rented low-power business HTs with no success. Last year

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President's Key

by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)
President, LARC

As I mentioned at Dayton this year, we will be targeting computer types for membership in LARC. I spend as much time operating from the keyboard as I do on the air, well, almost as much, Hi Hi! I do it because it's fun, and because it helps me to enjoy ham radio. The point is, I think we can and should broaden the base of the club to include those individuals who would benefit from LARC membership even though they are not hams, those who are computer freaks and/or electronics enthusiasts. We will need to revise our literature to include references to computers and electronics as areas of interest to our members and potential members including references to GENie and Internet activity by LARC members in our letters, brochures and other publicity. Our ads for new members will be revised so that the wording reflects the broader base we're appealing to. We also need to get some people writing computer related articles for the Lambda Net News such as "how to" articles. We need to make our computer oriented members feel at home. We should consider advertising in any gay/lesbian/bi/xgen computer oriented publications. I think that if LARC is to continue to grow and remain viable, we've got to insure that we don't remain focused too narrowly on just what used to be thought of as the ham radio hobby given that fact that ham radio, like many other aspects of life, is increasingly becoming computer related and even computer dependent! I think we can remain primarily focused on "pure" hamming, but the ham radio hobby (frankly) has not yet demonstrated that it will thrive even with no-code licensing. Our HF nets attract only a handful of check-ins even though membership has grown steadily over the years. I think we ought to try to build something around the whole computer aspect of ham radio that many of us are enjoying currently. There certainly is a need for education, training and support given that computers dovetail quite nicely with amateur radio. In fact, for some of us the two (computers and ham radio) are inseparable. For example, computers are indispensable for those of us on satellite or the various digital amateur radio modes, or even those of us who keep logs but have poor handwriting or who enjoy producing QSL card labels and automated reports of our contest hamming or DXing activities! It may sound like an old cliché, but we've got to change and adapt with the times if LARC is to remain a viable organization well into the 21st century! de KK3K

Public Service

they used cellular phones, but of course on the specific two parties

talking could hear the conversation. They had no idea what to do ... and then along came LARC. Brian (N8VTA) and I went out and did some testing, I started making phone calls to recruit, and today we officially volunteered our services. I'll be meeting with the organizers soon to get down to the nitty-gritty organizing. I'd like to use the club banner at our net control point adjacent to the organizers' command post. I think this is pretty exciting on several fronts. It's great for us local LARC folks, it's great exposure for ham radio to the gay community, and it's a great cooperative venture between the gay and straight ham community. To have straights volunteer with us under our banner is truly progress!

Novice Schedule Anyone?

I would like to CW QSO with any interested LARC member in the Novice 40 meter or 15 meter bands, or even start in informal Novice/Technician Net for the Western/Central area. I'm currently restricted to CW Novice QRP operation (which is pretty fun, actually). Also, are there any other QRP hounds out there?

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Welcome New Members

We'd like to extend a very special "Welcome Aboard!" this month to new members Dave (VP2EHF) and Dorothea (VP2EE) Mann of Little Harbor, Anguilla. Dave & Dorothea are two very friendly people who are enjoying living in their island paradise and who are more than willing to roll out the red carpet of Anguillian hospitality to those who visit. Dave & Dorothea are active volunteers involved with establishing ham radio on Anguilla and teaching hamming in the schools. They operate a packet BBS: VP2EA.ANG.CAR.NA in addition to putting VP2E on the air for DXers. Don (WB6LYI) and Jim (KK3K) met Dave and Dorothea in 1992 during the first LARC sponsored satellite DXpedition. Dave and Dorothea went out of their way to make Don and Jim feel at home in Anguilla. Don and Jim were treated to dinner at Dave and Dorothea's lovely home. The guest accommodations and shack that were under construction at the time have now been completed and Dave and Dorothea can now offer a truly unique vacation opportunity to hams looking to combine a vacation in a beautiful and secluded Caribbean location with a bit (or more than a bit) of DXpeditioning. We're proud to welcome Dave and Dorothea, our first members in the British West Indies, to LARC and wish them the very best on behalf of the entire membership.

Member Correspondence

LARC Treasurer Tom (KI4ZN) is busy beating the bushes trying to re-interest members who did not renew. Tom sent out 37 letters in August asking former members to rejoin the club and for suggestions as to how to make the club better. Good job, Tom!

FLASH! Norm (VE3CJE) is now QRV on OSCAR 13, Mode S! Norm made his first Mode S contact on Friday, August 27. Norm worked Jim (KK3K). Both Norm and Jim are using four foot dish antennas to receive the Mode S downlink of OSCAR 13 on 2.4 Gigahertz. Congratulations to Norm for being the second LARC member to become QRV on this exciting cutting edge mode on OSCAR 13!

The standard ham expression "eyeball QSO" took on a new, fuller meaning in August when LARC members Ray (WA2ZYE) and Jim (KK3K) had a total eyeball QSO on the nude beach at Sandy Hook, New Jersey. Turns out that both Ray and Jim belong to PANG (Phila. Area Naked Guys), a gay male nudist club that meets regularly at Sandy Hook, NJ. Sandy Hook is a large federal park and wildlife preserve that contains a half dozen or more Atlantic Ocean beaches, one of which is frequented by nudists, both straight and gay, from the surrounding multi-state area.

Irv (AF2K) won a trip to Paris for two! Irv and a friend departed for the City of Light on Thursday, August 26. This guarantees that "He'll always have Paris!"

Chapter News

Members in the Orlando area are in the process of organizing a Sunshine State Chapter. A Labor Day get-together was slated at the QTH of Tom (KI4ZN) & Dick.

Lu (KA4EPS) is interested in organizing a S.E. Florida Chapter centered in the Palm Beach area. Lu now has a voice mail telephone number which can be used by LARC members to keep in touch. The number is: (407) 697-6690.

The Hollywood Chapter August newsletter contained several pages of excellent information on the GENIE computer service. Plans to attend the ARRL Southwest Division Convention were announced. Chapter meetings were slated for September 18, October 16, November 20 & December 18.

Net Newsbits

Happenings in Big "D"

by Charles (K9PVS/5)

Members of the Dallas-based "Lone Star LARC" club have been busy with many activities since Dayton 1993. In this report I will attempt to address some of the main points. Vic, WB5MEI, aka, "THE GREAT ONE" has been enjoying his TS-50 and Outbacker antenna. He gets good signal reports driving around Dallas and also likes the general coverage shortwave reception. It feels so civilized to cruise down Throckmorton Lane listening to the BBC World Service. Roddy Reavis has had a lot of fun with his Kenwood RZ-1 receiver. He has been traveling recently in connection with his job. He keeps in touch and has called us from Hong Kong and Shanghai. He tells us he can eat with chopsticks now. He is taking a lot of pictures. We are all waiting to see them.

Art N5MVI remains unbeaten at Wolfenstein. He recently got cable in his apartment. He also recently acquired a 900 MHz digital cordless phone. His youngest cat "Seymour" has just decided that Charlie (K9PVS) is his daddy. That makes two cats who crawl all over Charlie when he comes to visit.

Dale Clark WA0CFQ paid us a visit on the first weekend of July. We attended the HamCom hamfest in Arlington, Tx. It was disappointing compared to previous years. Perhaps Dayton has made us a little blasé. Dale says that there is much more nightlife in Dallas than he finds at home in Wellsville, KS. Long time attendees at Dayton will remember Dale's humorous stories that keep us laughing all weekend. Dayton 1994 should be all the merrier with Dale's story of his encounter with the doorknob in Dallas.

Charlie Reavis (K9PVS) has recently changed his work location. At a result I now have more free time on weekends. I also am moving and by the time this appears my address is: Charles S. Reavis (K9PVS/5), 3501 N. Jupiter Road Apartment 15C, Richardson, Tx 75082, (214)-423-7456. I bought several Transtel monoband mobile antennas with a magnetic mouth at Dayton and Hamcom. I am extremely pleased with them. The magnetic mount will hold an 8' HF antenna on the trunk of my Honda up to 85 mph. It is necessary to guy the whip. If you don't guy it the first 18 wheeler you meet on a two lane highway will knock your antenna right through the windshield of the car tailgating you. It

also has a nasty effect on the SWR. I tune the antenna with an MFJ tuner. The 10, 15 and 20 meter whips tune up easily. Tune once in the middle of the band and the SWR stays flat over the entire band. 40 meters is a little harder to tune and the 1.5 to 1 SWR bandwidth is only about 100 khz. 75 meters is the most difficult of all; with a bandwidth of only 20 khz or so. The only problem I have had has been with the magnetic mount. The coax connector shorted out after just a few uses. Of course it had been stepped on and otherwise abused. I simply connected the mount to the screw terminals on the back of the MFJ tuner. By the way the tuner has survived almost four years and 40,000 miles of banging around in the trunk of my car. Well, that's about all from Dallas, friends and neighbors. Keep those cards and letters coming. Don't anybody worry, I didn't use the word "Gumboah" anywhere in this document.

Next OSCAR To Have Mode-B 2-Meter Downlink

According to AMSAT, the next OSCAR high orbiting bird, known as Phase IIID or the Falcon, WILL have a 2 meter downlink! Apparently, a well know British amateur with much experience in VHF/UHF gear building has volunteered to build the 2 meter downlink transmitter. Those of you active on OSCAR 13 already know what this means. For those of you who are not as familiar, the PRIMARY downlink now in use worldwide on OSCAR 13 is 2 meters. so everyone was counting on a 2 meter downlink on the next bird since we all have equipment, antennas, etc. Until this weekend, however, the next bird was to have no 2 meter transmitter because no one wanted to build one. A heated controversy ensued pitting the "users" against the "techies," in other words, those hams who use on a day to day basis and pay (by donation) for the construction of the amateur satellites vs. those who design them. Satellite users of course demanded that the next bird have a two meter downlink, while the designers were not particularly concerned with transponder configurations. Hopefully, this resolution will remove this thorny problem for AMSAT and enable everyone to get behind the program. For those of us already active on satellite, it's GREAT news! For those not yet on satellite, gear up now, enjoy OSCAR 13, and you'll be all set for the FALCON!

News From LARC UK

Coordinator GØBEV

Thanks for all the E-Mail messages which have been pouring in over here. I've been incommunicado for a while as there has been re-cabling work in progress here and my network connection was disrupted for a time. The mailbox almost fell over under the weight of e-mail when I logged in, but I'm working through it and will get around to everyone eventually. I've updated my mailing list on the system mailer to include all the "new" arrivals, and I don't expect there to be any particular problem reaching anyone, though I'll send a few test messages around when I get to it. There is a possibility that I might end up without a convenient e-mail access here — this particular message I'm composing in my office where I have a direct connection to the network. The PC I'm using is my own, that I had to buy myself as the University in its wisdom didn't feel like providing one (there's a certain hierarchy in these things, like much else, in deciding to whom certain 'gifts' may be given, and unfortunately, I'm not high enough up the ladder to reach the threshold, it seems); unfortunately I may have to take the PC away as it's needed elsewhere, and though I've asked for a replacement, I don't yet know what the outcome will be. So if I suddenly become rather harder to reach, that may be the reason!

I've been changing a couple of things over here as far as LARC goes. I've put Don (WB6LYI) in the picture a while ago as I could reach him quite easily by e-mail, but he may well not have passed all the details on. The P.O. Box we were using as our contact address was closed by the parent organization that allowed us to make use of it. I looked around to see if I could find anyone else who might help, not just here in Newcastle but elsewhere as well. In any event, I couldn't find anything suitable, so I decided to open a box for the club exclusive use. The application went in a while ago and I expect to get the new box number very shortly — I'll let you all know as soon as I hear. I would have preferred to share one if possible as it's a moderately expensive exercise per year, but if necessary I will underwrite that at least for the first year, though we have enough funds to cover it for now. I will try to get

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a little extra publicity for the Club by using the change of address as a handle to hang some sort of press release onto, both here in UK and if I can, in some outlets in other European countries. I don't know how successful that'll be, though I can but try. I'm also in the process of moving the Club money around a little. At the moment, it's held in a bank account here in Newcastle which James (G4ILW) opened a few years ago. However, when I looked at how it worked for us, it didn't seem a very good scheme as they were imposing monthly charges on us, and the money would slowly be eaten away. I've opened a new account with another institution which pay us interest instead — not a lot, but at least it will just about keep pace with inflation. The process of closing the original account and transferring the funds is in hand at present, and should be complete by the end of next week or thereabouts.

As for activity, I must admit that there's not a lot of time for that just now. It's supposed to be vacation time, but I'm as busy as ever, if not more so both at work and at home, so the more 'optional' leisure activities have to take second place till there's space to fit them in. In any case, listening on the bands, it's very clear that Cycle 22 is more or less on the way out by now — I don't hear a lot on the higher bands, particularly now at mid-summer, though perhaps there will be a little pick up in the autumn. I've raised the question of skeds quite a few times in supplements which I put in with the newsletter but the response is muted to say the least, and I'm not at all sure that many people are interested in them when all's said and done. So whilst it's clear that some kind of change is now necessary as 10 & 15 are scarcely viable, least of all at this time of year, it's by no means clear to me what the alternative ought to be. The optimum time for a sked right now is around 02:00 UTC which isn't overly convenient here, and I doubt if many folks would get out of bed for just that reason alone! This will certainly move to a more practical time on 20 later on, but for now, I'm not sure what should formally be done. I will raise it once more next newsletter perhaps, and see if anyone

is willing to express a view. It's an old problem in raising people from everyday sloth, and I doubt if there is any kind of universal solution — I see the same thing in other types of organizations, and the solutions there are no more evident. I will hold the fort here as long as it seems viable though, and maybe a little note in the appropriate corners of the press might help.

Late news from the UK: Greetings again to all! Some news for you which has been a bit delayed — we now have a new address for LARC-UK. The Post Office authorities have finally got round to issuing us with our new P.O. Box number — it only took them a month! The new, full address is: Lambda Amateur Radio Club UK, P.O. Box 1PW, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE99 1PW. You can add "England" on an additional line when it's to be used from outside the UK. The Box is official from the 23rd August, so you can now quote it in new advertising and so on. I guess the abbreviation of LARC-UK should do as well — I mentioned on the form that this abbreviation was often used, and I hope they have enough wit to figure it out. Maybe I'll send a test letter to find out! It might be as well to have a mention of the change in the Newsletter next time round. Now that I have this, I will be able to commence advertising again, first here in UK, but also will try now to place some adverts elsewhere if I can. I will first make some soundings as to what publications are available and worth writing to, then see if I can muster up my best German, French etc., etc. [Should be fun!] I will underwrite the cost of the P.O. Box for the first year, to help the Club along.

I have also completed the transfer of UK Club funds from the interest charging Bank where they were formerly to a Building Society which PAYS interest (albeit not a lot.) Building Societies, in case you aren't familiar with the term, are institutions set up primarily to loan money for house purchase, but equally are a safe place to deposit money as well. You have them over in the US but I can't remember just now what you call them (they're called "Savings & Loans, and

they're mostly bankrupt now! — Ed.). I know there have been a lot of problems over your side with such financial bodies involved with real estate, but the rules over here are extremely strict over how they are managed, and there is absolutely no risk whatever! The only drawback is that they can't accept payments in non-sterling, and this would have to come either as cash, or payable to someone else who can then deposit the equivalent amount. I doubt that this will often be a problem though, and in practice, we were losing about half the amount of any subscription in currency conversion charges with the old arrangement anyway.

Jim (KK3K) seems to have stirred things more than a little over Wayne Green's column, and I must say I think his (Green's) intemperate language is most offensive. Unfortunately, there are still too many of his like about, and we have plenty of them over here too. The right of free speech is a double edged thing, and there's nothing for it but be vigilant, though personally I would not have it otherwise. I'm reminded of the famous quote from Benjamin Disraeli (a former British Prime Minister, circa 1875) to the effect: "Sir! I may detest what you say, but I shall defend to the death your right to say it." Brave words indeed, and as true now as ever even if the problems he had in mind have changed a little, though not as much as some might at first think. It makes me feel that the questions of race & minorities generally may never be satisfactorily resolved till the human race grows up - in its maturity it might come to realize that diversity is just that, and matters no more or less. Sadly, I think we've a long way to go — just look at Yugoslavia, Ireland, South Africa, Israel & the Middle East, etc. and tribalism (for that's what it is, but for a name) run riot. Compared to these, our lot is more subtle but real for all that, and I hope that we may see some progress in this generation, though I'm not too optimistic. So stick at it, and may sanity prevail ... Enough of the literary piece. My best wishes to all and will keep you posted!

3rd LARC DXpedition Set for March 1994

If you're interested in joining the 18 other members and guests for our next DXpedition to the U.S. Virgin Islands next March, please call the LARC Hotline at 215-978-LARC and let us you'd like to join us. An information packet will be sent to you in about two weeks. If the last trip to Montserrat is any indication, you'll have a great time! Join us!

DX in the Tropics: VP2E Hamcation

Caribbean Island Apartment for Hamcation Rental in Anguilla, British West Indies

Location: The apartment is located above Little Harbour on the side of South Hill. It is in the lower part of a private home. The apartment has its own porch, two captain's beds (with two fountains available for extra sleeping capacity), a desk operating position for ham radio operators, a kitchenette (mini-fridge, stove, and sink), full bathroom with shower, and closet space. There are ceiling fans, built-in bookcase, and eating utensils. Maid service is provided.

Rates: The rates are US\$80 per day plus 8% government tax (total US\$86.40 per day) for up to two people. Extra persons (up to two extra) cost an additional US\$10 per day.

Deposit: The first and last day's rental is required as a deposit. A U.S. check is fine. If you cancel at least seven days prior to your scheduled visit, we will refund your deposit in full.

Payment: Cash or check. We are unable to accept credit cards.

Rental Cars: We can arrange for you. Cost is US\$27-35 per day, depending on the time of year. The car rental agency takes credit cards and needs to see your U.S. driver's license when you pick up the car. You will receive a temporary Anguillian driver's license, which costs US\$6. Driving is on the left, but it is not difficult to get used to as there is not much traffic in Anguilla.

Getting Here: The easiest way is through San Juan, Puerto Rico. American Airlines run American Eagle service from San

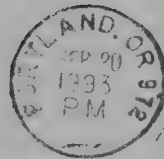
Juan direct to Anguilla and takes about 55 minutes. There are two flights a day, one in the morning and the other at night. Flights leaving Anguilla are in the morning and in the afternoon.

Ham License: Send a copy of your license to us and we will arrange a VP2E license for you. It costs US\$39 for a stroke callsign (VP2E/your call). A regular VP2E callsign costs double, but can frequently be arranged. Or, you can wait until your arrival and we will take you to the licensing authority and you can get your own license. Of course, a U.S. Passport is required.

Equipment: Bring your own rig. The ham position is equipped with a 50-amp Astron power supply, 12-volt power strip, antenna tuner, dummy load, antenna switch, a 2-meter voice and packet rig, packet TNC, 4-element tribander (10, 15, and 20 meters), and a Butternut vertical (10-160 meters). Electrical supply is 120-volts AC, 60 Hz. Special arrangements can be made for moonbounce for 6- or 2-meter DXers. A 6-element six meter beam and an 18-element two meter beam are available by special arrangement. Also, a rental laptop computer with contest and logging software may be rented for US\$10 per day. So, just bring your own HF rig and favorite mic or CW key.

Contact: LARC members Dave (VP2EHF) or Dorothea (VP2EE) Mann, Little Harbour, Anguilla, British West Indies. Phone & FAX: (809) 497-2150 (FAX picks up after 8 rings.)

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Net Newsbites

by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

LARC Announces "Get the Word Out!" Advertising Campaign And Co-OP Ad Program!

Since LARC currently is prevented from running membership ads in QST and 73 Amateur Radio Today, we must find another way to reach potential new members. One very effective way to get the word out about LARC is to run ads or notices in local publications that serve the sexual minority community.

The LARC "GET THE WORD OUT!" campaign is designed to publicize the club and reach thousands of hams who still have not heard about the club. During the campaign, LARC is asking each current member to run a LARC ad in his or her own local community publication for three months starting in August or September. We tie help of each and every LARC member to make this campaign a success!

Here's a sample ad text for use in local publications:

"Join the Lambda Amateur Radio Club (LARC), an international organization of amateur radio operators (hams) and radio, electronics and computer enthusiasts. Most members of LARC are gay men, lesbian women, bisexuals or transgendered individuals, and membership is open to anyone supportive of sexual minorities. LARC activities consist of on-the-air meetings of members, E-mail roundtables, a monthly newsletter, local gatherings and more! FOR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION: Lambda Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 24810, Philadelphia, PA 19130 USA or

call the LARC HOTLINE at (215) 978-LARC."

Many local publications will run ads for community organizations free of charge. Some will not. If your local publication will not run the ad free, LARC will "co-op" it at 50%, i.e., the club will pick up half the tab on ads in local/regional publications provided the individual running the ad first gets prior approval from LARC. All you have to do in this case is write to the club POB OR CALL THE LARC HOTLINE and let us know the name of the publication, the ad copy, the planned duration and the cost, and LARC will pay 50% of the cost of the ad!

The success of this campaign depends upon you! LARC needs your help to "GET THE WORD OUT!" about our club. There will be a resurgence of ham radio activity in the fall. What better time to "GET THE WORD OUT!" about LARC?

A list of publications running LARC ads will appear in the Lambda Net News. Be sure to let us know about your ad by leaving the info on the LARC HOTLINE or by dropping a note to the LARC POB.

Call your local community publication today and place an ad for LARC!

ARRL Keeps LARC Discrimination Complaint Under Wraps

By failing to fully disclose its legal activities to its membership in QST, the ARRL continues to keep quiet about certain legal matters including the LARC v. ARRL discrimination complaint in Connecticut. An example of the failure of

LARC's Finger Lakes Chapter: Field Day '93

by Joe Kahler (WA2GNX, Aurora, NY)

This June 26th and 27th, the Finger Lakes Chapter of LARC participated in Field Day 1993. With a total of 8 participants, the Chapter was able to accumulate some 500 + contacts, on HF and VHF, both phone and CW.

Those participating were Irv AF2K, Lisa KB2DWB, Monica N2TFJ, Jim N2IMS, Dave KE2GE, Joe WA2NGX, Warren, and Blair.

Starting set-up at 8:30 AM on a HOT Saturday morning, we were able to start operating class "2A" just in time for the official 18:00 zulu start of Field Day. Beside a slight problem of not being able to pull ropes up with fishing line cast over a tree (nothing a little climbing could not solve), set-up went extremely well!

Saturday evening we and our site "hosts" Dave and Mark were treated to dinner prepared by FLC members Warren and Blair. A delicious ensemble of salads and other treats were used to fuel our operations on the 80,40,20,15 and 2 meter bands.

A message to the WNY Section Manager, copying the W1AW Field Day bulletin, a publicity attempt, using 100% emergency power, and making over 10 QSO's on VHF entitles us to 500 Bonus Points. An attempt was made for an additional 100 points for making a satellite contact, however we were unable to verify a complete QSO via the RS-12 satellite. Logging was done with a program supplied by Irv AF2K, on two portable computers, making operating a

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President's Key

by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)
President, LARC

Oh, the "Friendly Skies"! The cabin steward, a man of about 55 or so years of age, just re-filled my champagne glass without me having to ask. Dan and I are at 35,000 feet flying back from two and a half glorious weeks in Europe. We started our driving tour of Holland, Belgium and Northern France in Amsterdam on June 8, and we finished in Paris today, June 24. But, getting back to the cabin steward, we've been fortunate to have gay flight attendants on trans-Atlantic flights before. They have always taken care of family (us) and given us special attention. We had a chance to chat briefly with our gay flight attendant on this flight. He showed us his red-enameled AIDS ribbon and told us that he had approval to wear it "as long as it was in good taste". Then he told us that his lover died three years ago. He'd been a flight attendant for thirty years now. I asked him how he managed to keep his mind on his job with so many handsome passengers on board. Finally, he brought us some free goodies from the first class section. He was being friendly and making sure we felt pampered. We oppressed people have to stick together and help each other out whenever and wherever we can.

This episode was nice and came at the right time. I had just finished reading in the international Herald Tribune about how Secretary of Defense Les Aspin had now thrown his support to the so-called "compromise" on gays in the military whereby gays and lesbians will be allowed to serve provided they do not declare their sexual orientation publicly and do not engage in "homosexual behavior" either on or off duty.

Let me be perfectly clear and blunt (when am I not?): This "compromise" is a clear sell-out to the forces of bigotry and homophobia. President Clinton and the Democratic Party must know that our community rejects this so-called compromise completely. No gay man or lesbian should ever accept second class status as a human being. We are gay and lesbian men and women. We thus reject unequivocally any attempt to force us to compromise our very nature. To be gay or lesbian IS to behave as gay man or lesbian, including loving and making love. We will never agree to serve our country, worship a god, or perform any other social, political or moral obligation if it means that we must deny our very nature in order to do so. This price we will not pay. Not now, not ever! de KK3K

FLC Field Day '93

station a joy! Early Sunday morning a bug (literally) in the fuel line of the generator caused it to sputter a little, but it cleared up a bit and we were able to continue uninterrupted for the rest of the morning.

After an almost solid 24 hours, we packed up the operation to go attend other events, or in most cases, to go get some sleep! Since all of our operating was done at power levels below 150 watts, we should wind up with a score of 1900 + points.

Next year we hope that Doc N2IKR and Buddha N2OIA will be able to participate, as this year they attended a wedding in Downstate NY. Also unable to attend due to work was Mike N2PSJ. We also hope to have at least one newly licensed ham, as Charlie, a member from the Southern Tier, has been inquiring about finding a Volunteer Examiner in his area!

Lending Library

Don't forget us! If you've recently upgraded to any class of new license, we could use your old study materials. Just mark your donation "LARC Lending Library" and mail to: LARC, P.O. Box 24810, Philadelphia, PA 19130. Now more than ever!

Novice Schedule Anyone?

I would like to CW QSO with any interested LARC member in the Novice 40 meter or 15 meter bands, or even start in informal Novice/Technician Net for the Western/Central area. I'm currently restricted to CW Novice QRP operation (which is pretty fun, actually). Also, are there any other QRP hounds out there?

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Membership rosters are published several times each year and will be inserted into an issue of the LAMBDA NET NEWS. This summarized roster lists basic member information. If you'd like to receive a highly detailed, in-depth listing of each member, just send a 9" x 12" self-addressed envelope with \$1.90 postage affixed and a custom printed roster will be on its way to you. This way, you can have an updated roster as often as you'd like and LARC will not be sending rosters to anyone who doesn't want one.

Mail your request TODAY to:
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LARC Chapter Directory

City of Brotherly Love (COBL)

Chapter

Contact: Jim Kelly (KK3K)
P.O. Box 24810
Philadelphia, PA 19130
(215) 978-LARC

Serves Phila. metro area including S. Jersey, N. Delaware, and Maryland.
Meetings every 6-8 weeks. No dues.
Note: Chapter presently inactive.

Finger Lakes Chapter — 1993

Contact: Dave Minchella (KE2GE)
80 Campfire Rd. North
Henrietta, NY 14467
(716) 359-3337

Serves western and central NY state.
Meetings 3rd Friday each month for dinner and meeting. Dues are \$5 per year.
Chapter outings to local attractions.

Gateway (GLARC) Chapter — 1993

Contact: Bob Hamilton (WA0S)
2301 Park Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63104-2541
(314) 773-4056

Serves midwest. Meetings 1st Thursday of each month. Call for location.

Hollywood Chapter — 1993

Contact: Rick Fearn (K6VE), President
P.O. Box 65643
Los Angeles, CA 90065
(213) 256-6556

Serves southern California. Meetings are quarterly on weekends on announced schedule. Dues. Note: Field trips and outings are often scheduled.

Personal Stuff

I would like to correspond with any LARC members who are or were nightclub D.J.s or who collect modern dance music. Write or call —

Robert Baker, WA2IEK
262 40th Street
Irvington, NJ 07111-1149
(201) 374-9631

Would like to meet ham (or aspiring ham) for friendship and possible relationship.

Dale A. Clark, WA0CFQ
Box 668
Wellsville, KS 66092
(913) 883-4090

(Leave message on machine if I'm out.)

I would like to share my home and expense with a compatible ham.

LeRoy D. Lawhorn, W4VIV
Lambda #1095
213 McDonald Street
Greenville, SC 29609-5630
(803) 233-3527

the League to disclose the full extent of its legal activities to the membership can be found in the Moved & Seconded column on page 79 of the July issue of QST. This column contains the "MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Number 443, Baltimore, Maryland, May 8, 1993." Agenda item number 9 is titled "Antenna and other pending legal cases". The text of item 9 contains three items: Item 9.1 having to do with antenna cases; Item 9.3 having to do with the revocation of ARRL membership of a ham found guilty of communicating a false distress message; and the mysterious item 9.2 which reads as follows: "9.2) At 12:52 P.M. (after lunch..ed.), on motion of Mr. Quait, the Executive Committee resolved into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing pending legal matters. At 1:50 P.M. the Committee of the Whole rose and reported to the Executive Committee. On motion of Mr. Harrison, the report of the Committee of the Whole was accepted."

This mysterious agenda item raises several questions. What were the "pending legal matters" discussed by our League officials in the 58 minutes between 12:52 and 1:50 P.M. on the afternoon of May 8, 1993? Aren't dues paying League members entitled to know what they were? What are we financing? Why the parliamentary maneuvering, "Committee of the Whole", etc? What's in the "report of the Committee of the Whole" on legal matters that was accepted that afternoon?

The ARRL has kept the entire LARC v. ARRL controversy from the membership by never once publishing any letters or correspondence about it in QST. In addition, they have failed to inform the membership that they are incurring legal expenses by refusing thus far to settle LARC's discrimination complaint. No word of LARC's complaint or the League's position has ever appeared in QST. What else is the League keeping from the membership? A close reading of the "Moved & Seconded" proceedings leaves many such questions unanswered.

Some Additional Questions: And Some Info..

(Two Items reprinted from the Voice of Ham Reason (VOHR) Newsletter, Vol. 3, No. 1, June 1993. Note: the VOHR newsletter is published periodically and distributed free by Karl Kopetzky & Associates, 3619 N. Lamon Ave.,

Chicago, IL 60641. The newsletter is "devoted entirely to the preservation of the Amateur Radio Operation as an ongoing, viable Hobby." The VOHR newsletter is published and edited by Karl A. Kopetzky, K9AQJ, Roger A. Baim, WB9BDP, Associate Editor.)

Item 1: Does (ARRL) Pres. Wilson Have A Secret Fund?

Is it true that League president Wilson has access to a "secret" fund of an unannounced amount for him to spend in whatever ARRL way he wishes, even if he knows the Board might disapprove, but to which he never needs to account for his expenditures therefrom?

If it is true, why hasn't the membership been told about it? Why wasn't it mentioned in the Board Minutes? If there's no truth to the story, why do rumors to the contrary persist?

Item 2: Why Doesn't QST Print "Bad" News? In all the years the Voice can remember, QST has never published any story indicating that it or the League was unsuccessful in some undertaking. Nor has any such mention ever appeared in the Board Minutes.

QST didn't fare so well in the Lambda ARC matter, recently. And League President George Wilson's several excursions to the FCC to have it de-license some alleged potty-mouthed hams also failed. Yet nary a single word of these or any other such anecdotes has appeared in QST or the Board Minutes. Why is that?

LARC Computer Info And E-Mail Net Expands

A growing number of U.S. LARC members have been keeping in touch via computerized E-Mail (electronic mail) utilizing Genie. Now, with the addition of a free two-way Internet gateway on Genie, this computerized electronic network has expanded to include LARC members worldwide who are on Internet. There are 16 LARC members active on GENIE and 10 active on Internet and the number is growing each week! LARC members using either GENIE or Internet can exchange mail and send bulletins to all members on both services. In addition, LARC member Kari (OH1BM) has set up an electronic address in Finland whereby any LARC member can automatically send a bulletin to the whole group simply by addressing the message there!

LARC members are encouraged to join in the fun! You'll need a computer and a

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modem, and you'll need to sign up on GENIE unless you have access to Internet. For more information, contact the club via the POB or the hotline.

LARC FLC Field Day Announcement

The following text was prepared by Irv (AF2K) in conjunction with the Finger Lake Chapter's Field Day activities. "The weekend of June 26-27, while much of the gay and lesbian community was trying to beat the heat, six area radio amateurs took part in a Field Day exercise as an annual emergency preparedness test sponsored by the American Radio Relay League, Inc. Local participants consisted of licensed members of the Finger Lakes Chapter of the Lambda Amateur Radio Club, based in Philadelphia, PA, which has approximately 175 members worldwide. This year's Field Day involved more than 37,000 ham operators at approximately 2,000 station sites throughout North America, the Pacific Islands and the Caribbean. The event is designed to test portable and emergency communications equipment and capabilities as preparation and training for rendering public service in times of real disasters or emergency situations. Two complete stations, operating both voice and telegraphic communications were set up at the Chapter's Wayne County site in the town of Sodus, and were kept on the air continuously during the 24 hour contest period, from 2 PM Saturday until 2 PM Sunday. With all equipment being powered by a 9KW gasoline generator, more than 510 contacts were established with other stations on the High Frequency and Very High Frequency amateur radio bands. The Finger Lakes Chapter of LARC is already looking forward to next year's effort. Offers to participate with the group have arrived from other LARC members in Central New York and Eastern Pennsylvania."

Welcome New Members

Welcome to LARC: James Freeman, III (KB8GSM), of Portsmouth, OH; Ken Cranfill (W5KWM) of Garland, TX; Michael Guillet (KA5SMM) of Biloxi, MS; and Lu Venci (KA4EPS) of West Palm Beach, FL.

LARC At Dayton Group Photo Available

An 8" X 10" enlargement of a group photo of LARC members taken at Dayton 1993 is available. The cost is \$10.00 postpaid. Send your order to LARC at the club POB. Make checks payable to LARC. A portion of the proceeds benefits LARC.

Member Correspondence

Tom (WA9LKD) in Council Bluffs, IA now has a beam antenna up and is QRV on 20 meters.

Dave (KB2ARL) has also bought a house and hopes to be on the air soon. He is active on FSTV in the Columbus area. He missed Dayton due to work. Dave may start a Central Ohio chapter soon.

Bob (KA8UHL) and David spent some time in Topsail Island, NC for R & R in May.

Tomas (SM6MLB) has bought a house in a small suburb South of Borås. His new address effective September 15 is: Fabriksvagen 8, S-51500 Viskafors, Sweden.

Paul (KK6JD) has announced that, due to time constraints, he will resign as editor of the Hollywood chapter newsletter. Paul has done an excellent job as the editor of the Un-Named! Newsletter for 18 months.

Dale (WAØCFQ) has strung up a 20 meter dipole to replace his rotary dipole which collapsed recently.

Tom (KI4ZN) finally figured out where he is living after two false starts! He has now confirmed that he is living in Fruitland Park, FL. We can't understand why THAT was so difficult to figure out, Tom!

Nick (KA1MQX) spent two weeks in P-Town (Provincetown, MA) in July. Nick was working on his tan (and sharpening his eyeballs!).

Charlie (K9PVS/5) has also moved to 3501 N. Jupiter Road, Apt 15C, Richardson, TX 75082. Charlie has also changed work location and reports that he now has more free time on weekends!

Jim (AF9A) is running an ad for LARC in The Indiana Word. Responses are already coming in to Jim's ad!

LARC received a donation in the amount of \$20.00 from Mr. Hoang Phan of Brush Prairie, WA. The donation was made on behalf of Steve Blodgett (WA7GFV).

Lisa Pearsall of McMinnville, TN recently passed her no-code exam. Her new call is KE4BQE! Congratulations Lisa! Lisa writes that she is studying for her written General class exam while working on her code speed. She is looking forward to getting a rig soon and checking into the LARC nets.

Eric (WAØKVD) writes that he expects to get back on the LARC nets from San Diego soon with a Cushcraft 40-10m antenna strung in the attic after he finds the time to install and test the antenna. Eric sent in several interesting items including information on a new congressional resolution designed to protect the rights of hams and information on The Allen Schindler Military Fund, a special San Diego based effort with several objectives in connection with the effort to end the ban on gays and lesbians in the military. Anyone who wishes more information on these items please request it via the club POB. Eric has placed an ad for LARC in the San Diego Update and he will be QSYing to a new QTH, one that should allow him to erect an antenna farm.

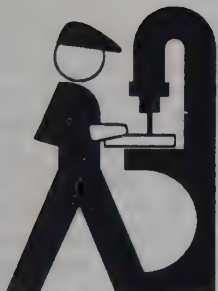
From Don (WB6LYI): Here's the latest on Eric, N6ZSU ... He's now been moved back to his home while he waits for his new kidneys. He has nurses around the clock to look after him. He's in good spirits, considering this is a bit of a mess and certainly inconvenient. As I mentioned earlier, he does not have the use of his legs and can only wiggle the fingers in his left hand. He's being outfitted with an electric wheelchair so he can get around when he gets home. Now that they've stabilized his medications, he's alert and fairly chipper. So, please take a moment and call him to wish him well ... 818-954-0000. He'd like to hear from any of the LARC members and he's got a headset for the phone that works better than any phone I've ever used. If you can't call, get him a get-well card, his address is ... Eric Levinson, N6ZSU, 1750 N. Hollywood Way, Burbank, CA 91505. Also, he received news that he's won an Emmy Award for his work on the Barcelona Olympics ... he also got awards for his work on the Seoul and Los Angeles Olympics as well. He's deservedly proud of this recognition of his work. Be sure to congratulate him when you call.

LARC Librarian Needed!

LARC President Jim (KK3K) is looking for a responsible LARC volunteer with about an hour maximum a month to spare to take charge of the LARC Lending Library. Responsibilities include creating and maintaining a library catalogue for the small

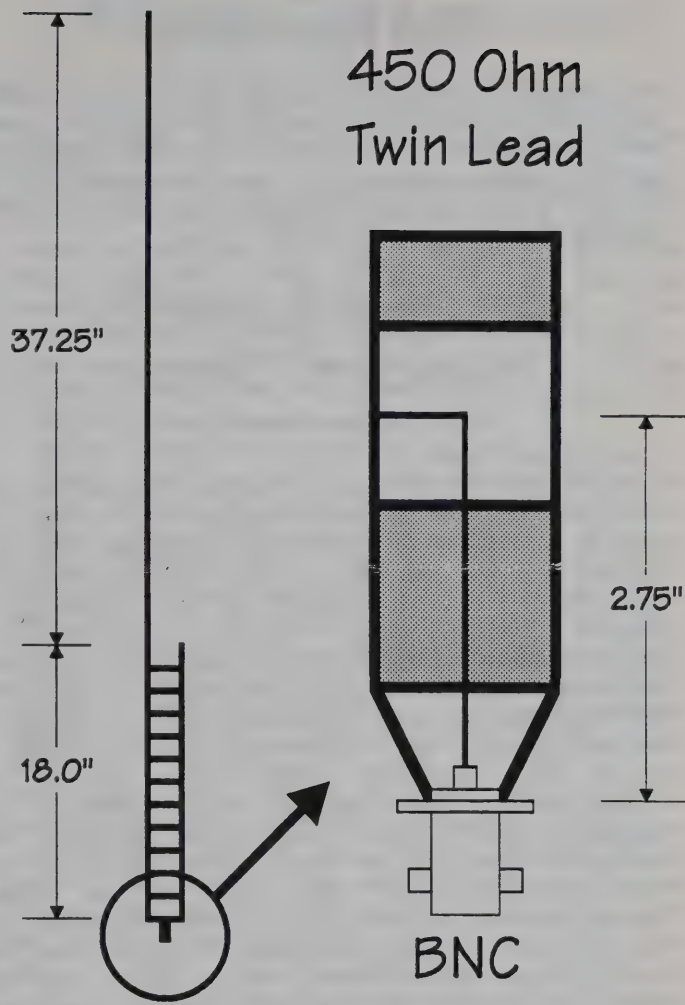
The J-Pole, Revisited

by James Keeth (AF9A, Indianapolis, IN)



In the September, 1992 issue of Net News, Tom, KI4ZN, published a fine article on a J-pole antenna for fixed station use. Another version of this antenna, for which I can claim no design credit, is useful in applications away from the home QTH. This version is dual band, 2 meters and 70 cm and is great for camping or, in my case, as a bike antenna. The dimensions are shown in the diagram. The 18 inch portion is a length of 450 ohm "twin lead." This is the parallel wire transmission line which is just over an inch wide with "windows" in the insulation between the two

conductors. You can usually find this at a good sized hamfest. Check out the vendors who sell all sorts of wire and cable. The 18" twin lead portion is actually an impedance matching section. At the bottom, both conductors of the twin lead are connected to the outer shell of the BNC connector. The center conductor of the BNC is connected to one side of the twin lead at a point 2.75 inches above the BNC. On the top end of the twin lead section, the side not connected to the radiating element is left unconnected. If you use a piece of wire to make the 37.25 inch section, you can tie a string to the top and hang the antenna from a tree branch or whatever. Or, as I did, get a fiberglass pole from a "bicycle flag" and cover the top 37.25 inches with copper braid removed from a piece of coax. Wire tie one side of the twin lead to the pole and you've got a great bike antenna. Works much better than anything I've tried!



LARC KP2 DXpedition Planned

by Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI, Long Beach, CA)



than other Caribbean destinations, no passport is needed, and no foreign license is required. What could be easier? Start saving your nickles now, get that tax refund off on January 2nd, and join us!

In addition to operating the station an average of 6-7 hours each day, you'll be able go sightseeing, snorkeling, swimming, sunbathing, eating in (we're excellent cooks) and dining out, and of course, shopping. If enough LARC members go, we could even get group rates on the air travel.

If you'd like to receive information about the trip, send me a note and let me know as soon as possible. Don't miss out! The last group had an incredible time and most are going again. Write to: Don Bledsoe, WB6LYI, P.O. Box 91299, Long Beach, CA 90809, or via GENie, send me an E-Mail message to: D.BLED SOE, or on Internet, send an E-Mail message to: d.bledsoe@netcom.com

See you in the islands!

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but all important collection of donated materials, recommending acquisitions at club expense, removing outdated materials, and sending out and securing the return of library loans. Postage and shipping charges in connection with the library are also paid by the club. If you would be interested in helping out as LARC librarian, please contact Jim (KK3K).

An Open Letter To President Clinton

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

Dear President Clinton,

I am writing to express my anger and dismay at your decision not to issue an executive order lifting the ban on lesbians and gays in the military as you and the Democratic Party had promised prior to your election. The so called "honorable compromise" which you announced last week amounts to a complete capitulation to the homophobic Joint Chiefs and bigoted members of Congress led by Senator Nunn. The reason the Chiefs, Nunn and every Republican Senator on the Senate Armed Services Committee immediately agreed to your plan is because they realize that it represents no substantive change in current policy. Since last week, Senator Nunn and the Republicans have drafted legislation which removes even the cosmetic changes you tried to paste over the old policy. Their message is clear: gays and lesbians stay out. Is this your "honorable compromise?" When you sign the military appropriations bill with this legislation as an integral part, you will sign into law in effect a codification of the current ban. As a result, innocent men and women who are good citizens and soldiers will be denied their constitutional rights and have their military careers terminated under your "honorable compromise" simply because they are gay. Mr. President, this will happen on your watch. How can you permit this? How can you sleep at night knowing it is happening? How can you so easily betray those who supported you and the Democratic Party last fall, and whose hopes for justice were pinned to your presidency?

You had other options, Mr. President. For one, if you felt you could not help us, then at least you should not have hurt us! But your "honorable compromise" does hurt us in two ways. First, when we go before the courts for justice (our last hope), we can no longer point to an "old chestnut" policy, we'll have to answer the argument that the new policy is current and was arrived at after a contemporary review of the issue. Second, we'll now have to rebut the argument that the new policy is the result of agreement between the legislative and executive branches of government, a powerful argument sure to be accorded much weight by the courts.

Your other option was to stand by your principles and your promise and issue the executive order as promised. This was the just and right thing to do. There are times when the demand for justice outweighs political concerns. This was one of those times, Mr. President.

There are many who have asked the question "Who are you trying to please?" by this capitulation. You were elected with just 43% of the vote. Hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions of those who voted for you and contributed to the Democratic Party last fall are gay or lesbian. Should you and the Democratic Party count on gay and lesbian support in the future light of your decision on the ban? I think not.

OSCAR-13 Mode S at KK3K

On Monday, May 17, 1993, I made my first MODE S contact on OSCAR 13. Mode S means transmitting or "uplinking" on 435 Mhz (70cm) and receiving the "downlink" on 2.4 Gigahertz (13cm or 2400 Mhz).

To receive signals on 2.4 Gig, I am using a 48" spun aluminum dish (an old TVRO dish in perfect condition that I bought from a TV repairman for \$70!) with a homebrew three turn helix feed. The dish has an 18" focal length and an f/D ratio of .375. The feed was constructed by wrapping a stripped length of common 14 AWG solid copper wire around a piece of 1-1/2" galvanized pipe, which yields a coil with an outside diameter close to the 1.64" target OD. I wound it for left-hand circular polarization, since this yields right-hand circular polarization when the feed is mounted facing the dish rather than the satellite. After winding, I stretched the coil to the proper spacing dimension (1.23") and soldered a flat 5/16" wide strip of thin copper along the first 1/4 turn as a matching system. This first 1/4 turn section of the helix runs parallel to the reflector so that the space between the reflector and the flat strip is about 3/32". Then I soldered the helix to a type "N" chassis mount connector attached to a 4" diameter circular aluminum reflector made from a piece of thin scrap aluminum. I am using a 2.4 GHz preamp mounted at the back of the helix feed with a double male "N" connector. From the preamp output, a short run of 9913 coax strung along one of the three feed support arms brings the 2.4 GHz signal to the receive converter mounted just under the lip of the dish. The receive converter converts the 2.4 GHz received signal to 144 Mhz. Both the preamp and the receive converter were manufactured by DownEast Microwave and are housed in weatherproof aluminum boxes.

A 50' run of standard RG-58 coax brings the converted 2.4 GHz signal into the shack on 2 meters. All connectors have been "mummified" using CoAx seal. Mechanically, the dish is mounted low to the roof on a three foot tripod bolted to a heavy wooden support platform. It is counterbalanced and aimed using the Yaesu G-5400B combination AZ/EL rotator duo. When OSCAR 13 is in mode B/S or Mode S, which it was for almost 3 hours each orbit in May, I can receive signals on Mode S (2.4 GHz) rather than the standard Mode B (2 meter) downlink. While I've just begun to experiment, I've noticed some apparent advantages of Mode S including greatly improved S/N ratio (signals seem much stronger compared to the low noise level than on Mode B) and lack of interference on the downlink from a variety of sources as compared to using 2 meters as a downlink. I get none of the static or intermod which plagues me on Mode B. During optimal Mode S operating periods, the OSCAR 13 Mode S beacon was typically S-7, and the noise S-1 or S-2. Other hams I worked were as strong as S-9. Running the FT-736 barefoot at 17 watts into my single Hy-Gain crossed yagi on the 435 Mhz uplink provided a very nice downlink signal on Mode S. Recently, articles have appeared which confirm what many of us had expected; the next high-orbiting satellite (Phase IIID) will not have a Mode B downlink (2 meter downlink). Mode S may be the wave of the future. It is fun to experiment with this mode, and I had a lot of fun homebrewing the feed and setting up the mechanics for the dish. If I can do it, anyone can! Setting up for mode S is a fun way to get into microwave work before you even realize that you're using microwave technology.

A Meeting in Morocco

by Jim, (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)



On Saturday evening, December 26, 1992, my life partner Dan and I boarded a Royal Air Maroc flight in New York bound for Casablanca, Morocco. It was the beginning of our 15 day extensive tour of Morocco during which we would cover 1500 miles. We visited the imperial cities of Casablanca, Rabat, Fez and Marrakesh, and enjoyed the beautiful scenery while traversing Morocco's three mountain ranges and the Moroccan Sahara. The scenery was spectacular; Moroccan art and architecture is beautiful; and the food was delicious.

Many OSCAR 13 DX enthusiasts have had the pleasure of chatting with Dr. Amad Boudda, CN8GI, who is a regular on the AO-13 transponder. Amad lives in Rabat, the capital city of Morocco.

When Dan and I decided to holiday in Morocco, I wrote to Amad to inquire as to the possibility of meeting for an "eyeball QSO" during our one day visit to Rabat. While Amad is well liked and respected on the transponder due to his friendly manner and generosity, I had no idea that he would go to so much trouble to extend the best Moroccan hospitality to Dan and I. Amad asked me to send him a photocopy of my FCC license which I did. He then secured for me ahead of time a license to operate while in Morocco using the callsign CN2JM. The "JM" suffix stood for "Jim in Morocco!" Amad invited Dan and I to dine with him at his home, and invited me to operate on OSCAR 13 using his well-appointed station after dinner.

When we arrived at our hotel in Rabat, Amad was waiting for us. Ahmed drove us to his home in Rabat, where we enjoyed a special treat: an authentic Moroccan home cooked dinner. Amad introduced us to his son Yusef who is a business school student. We chatted over a glass of Moroccan mint tea, then we enjoyed a sumptuous dinner consisting of a vegetable couscous followed by a chicken "tagine" or stew prepared with olives, raisins and pickled lemons. For desert we enjoyed fruit including some of the delicious oranges grown all over Morocco. After dinner Amad allowed me to operate on OSCAR 13 from his well appointed shack. He provided me with several cups of strong Moroccan coffee, similar to espresso, which enabled me to properly log all of my contacts even though Dan and I had not slept in 32 hours. I logged 72 contacts in 20 different countries in one and a half hours! I wanted to operate longer, however, we knew we had to get some rest since we were set to depart for the imperial city of Fez early the next morning.

Meeting someone in person that you've befriended via ham radio is always a special treat. However, Amad made our "Meeting in Morocco" extra special by being so gracious and generous. On behalf of Dan and myself, I'd like to once again thank Amad and his family for making our visit to Morocco especially memorable.

LARCers Get Connected

by Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI, Long Beach, CA)

We all know you can ***CONNECT on packet radio, but LARC members also stay in touch via two different on-line methods.

First, there's the GENie service, provided by General Electric Information Services. They recently implemented a new rate structure of \$8.95 per month, which includes 4 hours of free connect time. Most services are included in the basic rate, including downloading. This is where LARC has a private category for our exclusive use. I can invite or uninvite any user ID into our category. The GENie Service has proven to be a very convenient and fast way for LARC members to generally keep in touch and trade information with each other.

Second, there's the Internet. In short, the Internet was originally created as part of a Department of Defense and National Science Foundation network to connect together government, researchers, educational institutions, and more recently, commercial users. There are over a million users connected to the Internet worldwide. For example, distribution of messages to all LARC members on both Internet and GENie is accomplished with an Internet distribution point in Finland, courtesy of LARC member Kari, OH1BM. Any LARC member wishing to send a message to all other LARC members simply addresses a message to: larc@seta.fi and it's all automatic after that. In addition, Internet provides the ability to view newsgroups of topics of interest to each user. Here in California, I have over 4,400 newsgroups that I can look in on. Also, there's a facility called FTP that allows users to move around the network to download files of interest. There are huge archives of files for every imaginable kind of computer, from PCs, Macs, and Amigas to mainframes. Programs abound. The Internet Relay Chat (IRC) is also interesting. This is a network-wide chat facility where users from all over the world can "chat" together. A channel was recently created for LARC users and is just starting to be used.

So, no matter what your interest, there's a way to connect with other LARC members around the world. A listing of addresses of these members is posted on GENie for reference and is periodically updated. If you're thinking of putting that packet PC to additional use, here's a way to "get connected" to other LARC members. Join us!

Silent Key

Reprinted from Amateur Radio News Service Bulletin

by Dave Morris, N8EEK, Dec. '92 Sierra Intermountain RA "SIERA"

The two words silent key communicate volumes to radio amateurs. The phrase says a familiar voice or fist will no longer be heard on the air.

The friendly expressions and occasional digs hidden behind that familiar grin will henceforth exist only in memory. But long after the memories fade, events, voice tones, or expressions will bring them back into sharp focus.

Then you will remember good times shared in club activities—manning a post at a street intersection in the hot sun, creating antennas together, digging tower footings, discovering new computer software, and trips to hamfests, club events, and meetings.

The void the silent key leaves behind may shrink over time, but it can never be filled. Knowing that, there's nothing left to say except good-bye, old friend, and 73.

DX in the Tropics: VP2E Hamcation

Caribbean Island Apartment for Hamcation Rental in Anguilla, British West Indies

Location: The apartment is located above Little Harbour on the side of South Hill. It is in the lower part of a private home. The apartment has its own porch, two captain's beds (with two fountains available for extra sleeping capacity), a desk operating position for ham radio operators, a kitchenette (mini-fridge, stove, and sink), full bathroom with shower, and closet space. There are ceiling fans, built-in bookcase, and eating utensils. Maid service is provided.

Rates: The rates are US\$80 per day plus 8% government tax (total US\$86.40 per day) for up to two people. Extra persons (up to two extra) cost an additional US\$10 per day.

Deposit: The first and last day's rental is required as a deposit. A U.S. check is fine. If you cancel at least seven days prior to your scheduled visit, we will refund your deposit in full.

Payment: Cash or check. We are unable to accept credit cards.

Rental Cars: We can arrange for you. Cost is US\$27-35 per day, depending on

the time of year. The car rental agency takes credit cards and needs to see your U.S. driver's license when you pick up the car. You will receive a temporary Anguillian driver's license, which costs US\$6. Driving is on the left, but it is not difficult to get used to as there is not much traffic in Anguilla.

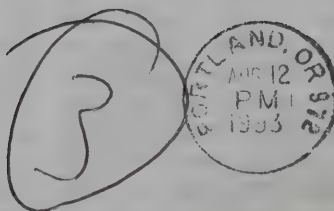
Getting Here: The easiest way is through San Juan, Puerto Rico. American Airlines run American Eagle service from San Juan direct to Anguilla and takes about 55 minutes. There are two flights a day, one in the morning and the other at night. Flights leaving Anguilla are in the morning and in the afternoon.

Ham License: Send a copy of your license to us and we will arrange a VP2E license for you. It costs US\$39 for a stroke callsign (VP2E/your call). A regular VP2E callsign costs double, but can frequently be arranged. Or, you can wait until your arrival and we will take you to the licensing authority and you can get your own license. Of course, a U.S. Passport is required.

Equipment: Bring your own rig. The ham position is equipped with a 50-amp Astron power supply, 12-volt power strip, antenna tuner, dummy load, antenna switch, a 2-meter voice and packet rig, packet TNC, 4-element tribander (10, 15, and 20 meters), and a Butternut vertical (10-160 meters). Electrical supply is 120-volts AC, 60 Hz. Special arrangements can be made for moonbounce for 6- or 2-meter DXers. A 6-element six meter beam and an 18-element two meter beam are available by special arrangement. Also, a rental laptop computer with contest and logging software may be rented for US\$10 per day. So, just bring your own HF rig and favorite mic or CW key.

Contact: LARC members Dave (VP2EHF) or Dorothea (VP2EE) Mann, Little Harbour, Anguilla, British West Indies. Phone & FAX: (809) 497-2150 (FAX picks up after 8 rings.)

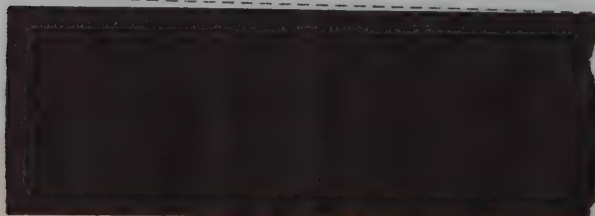
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by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

Favorable LARC v. ARRL Decision Anticipated

LARC is awaiting a decision from the Connecticut State Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities Investigator in the matter of LARC's discrimination claim filed against the ARRL in March of 1992. According to LARC attorney Robert G. Miller, the decision is expected soon. Attorney Miller told LARC President Jim (KK3K) that "we believe the decision will be favorable to LARC." A decision in LARC's favor would be followed by "conciliation," the next step in the complaint process.

Net Schedule Adjustments

The LARC net sked sheet that was mailed with last month's newsletter will be updated to reflect the following information: The 20:00 UTC Sunday net now meets on 17 meters; and the Thursday East Coast SSB net now meets on 40 meters for the summer months. Many of the other published nets, e.g. for CW and RTTY, do not meet regularly. Members interested in these nets should identify other LARC members interested in making skeds.

LARC Lending Library Expands — Librarian Needed!

Members are hereby advised of two new additions to the LARC Lending Library. Thanks to Tom (N3AEC) for donating a Radio Shack General Class upgrade course including code tapes and manual and to Joe (WA2NGX) for donating a copy of the 1990 ARRL Handbook. LARC President Jim (KK3K) is looking for a responsible LARC

volunteer to take charge of the LARC Lending Library.

Responsibilities include creating and maintaining a library catalogue for the small but all important collection of donated materials, and sending out and securing the return of library loans. Postage and shipping charges in connection with the library are paid by the club. If you would be interested in helping out as LARC librarian, please contact Jim (KK3K).

Welcome New Members!

Welcome to LARC: John (WK8X), Grand Rapids, MI; Curt (WR5J), Redmond, WA; Gene (license pending), Deltona FL; Jason (license pending and XYM of Robert, KD4WOW) of Deltona, FL; and Mikell (SWL/Dxer) of Pittsburgh, PA.

Setting Up For OSCAR 13 — An E-Mail Dialogue

The following roundtable took place on Genie E-Mail between Jim (KK3K), Don (WB6LYI), and Jim (AF9A). Howard (W9BVD) is in the process of setting up an OSCAR 13 station, and so three of our resident satellite Gurus chimed-in with probably more advice that Howard would want! Here's the text of the discussion:

Jim (KK3K): I have some additional information for you regarding setting up for OSCAR 13. Now that you have the radio, I want to comment on what else you'll need to enjoy OSCAR 13 AND IT'S successor, Phase IIID.

1. ANTENNAS. It now appears as though the next high-orbiting OSCAR, known as Phase IIID or the Falcon, will NOT have MODE B, that is, it looks as

though there will be NO 2 METER DOWNLINK! This is not set in concrete yet, but reading between the lines I think the 2 meter downlink is dead. (2 meters is SO crowded in other parts of the world, especially, that no one is interested in building a 2 meter transmitter for the next bird!) SO, no sense spending any extra money than is necessary on antennas at this point. The Cushcraft OSCAR 13 antennas are cheap at around \$200, but I STRONGLY RECOMMEND AGAINST THEM. They do not have a good reputation. The KLM antennas for OSCAR 13 are highly regarded but very expensive. I can't see paying this sort of money especially since the 2 meter antenna will probably be useless on the next bird! Therefore, I HIGHLY recommend the HyGain OSCAR 13 antenna duo which will set you back around \$300.

THE FOLLOWING IS FOR INFORMATION ONLY SINCE THE NEXT SATELLITE IS SEVERAL YEARS AWAY: The next bird will have an uplink on 435 Mhz, so that portion of your HyGain antenna array will continue to be just fine for uplinking to the next bird. Downlinks currently planned for Falcon are on 10 meters (YUK!), 435 MHZ (not useful as a downlink IF this is your uplink), 2.4 GHz and 10 GHz. The 2.4 GHz (13cm) downlink is the one that is being pushed by those in the know for use on the Falcon. What's involved in the 2.4 GHz downlink? A small dish (2 ft.) or a pair of loop yagis, preamp, and transverter to 2m so that you use the 2m module in the 736R. I am in the process of setting up for this capability (known as

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President's Key

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

President, LARC

I just got back from a short trip to Boston. Dan and I enjoyed seeing Nick (KAIMQX) and the fine museums and restaurants in Boston. Our friends Louise and Ron put us up in Cambridge and we had a great time.

On the way up, we stopped at ARRL HQ in Newington, CT. I'd never been there before, so I decided to take the tour since I've been a dues paying member for over 10 years. The place is big and impressive with 125 or so employees. They give a nice tour. Dan and I were accompanied by ARRL employee Luck Hurder (KY1T) who spent an hour escorting us through the two floors of the large main ARRL building. I did not see Dave Sumner, but Brad Thomas, KC1EX (QST AD Manager) and Mark Wilson, AA2Z (QST Editor) said hello and were quite cordial. Luck Hurder thought I was with "the LAMBDA group that supports the ARRL" (San Francisco), so he thanked me for the support as opposed to the "trouble they were still having with the other group." I chuckled to myself and told him that, since I was on vacation, I preferred not to talk about the controversy. Anyway, the tour was fun and the W1AW station is beautiful after the renovation. Maybe some day the leadership of the League will come to their senses about the way they have treated us and they'll genuinely make an effort to make things right, which they have NOT done so far. Then we can drop our claim and visit without the cloud of discrimination following us around as we tour the facility.

When I got to Boston, I met Nick (KAIMQX). He gave me a copy of Luck Hurder's most recent ARRL DX bulletin that he downloaded from INTERNET. In May, my friend Smitty (W0DQY) borrowed my portable OSCAR antenna, the antenna that we used in Montserrat on our historic LARC DXpedition, and he and another ham put both St. Vincent and St. Kitts/Nevis on OSCAR 13. The ARRL DX Bulletin listed Smitty's DXpedition. But the ARRL NEVER listed our LARC DXpedition in QST or in the bulletins even though we sent them two press releases! Smitty did not send out any press releases.

This is the kind of thing that has to stop before we can drop our complaint against the ARRL. They can't expect us to drop our complaint as long as they continue to freeze us out of QST, ARRL DX Bulletins, etc. In the eight year history of ARRL discrimination directed against us, NOT ONE WORD, POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE, has ever appeared in QST about LARC identifying us as an amateur radio club for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered hams and their straight friends! We've asked the ARRL to renounce their past discriminatory policies and agree to end this sort of discrimination once and for all. We've also asked them to agree to work with LARC to repair the damage done to us over the now eight years that we've been denied access to and coverage in QST. We've made suggestions as to how these things can be accomplished. But the League has not yet agreed to our suggestions, therefore, our discrimination claim will go forward.

Oh, one more thing, the new W1AW is beautiful and hi-tech, but it DOES NOT INCLUDE an OSCAR 13 STATION! de KK3K

Novice Schedule Anyone?

I would like to CW QSO with any interested LARC member in the Novice 40 meter or 15 meter bands, or even start in informal Novice/Technician Net for the Western/Central area. I'm currently restricted to CW Novice QRP operation (which is pretty fun, actually). Also, are there any other QRP hounds out there?

Art Anderson, KB0JQP, 425 E. Williamette #24, Colorado Springs, CO 80903
719- 520-1485

Want to Trade

I want to trade a Microtek MSF-300G 256-gray scale flatbed scanner for some other computer-related equipment like printer or motherboard. Cost new at wholesale was \$1,500. Has had very little use. Make offer.
Don Bledsoe, (310) 494-6765.

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Henrietta, NY 14467
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St. Louis, MO 63104-2541
(314) 773-4056

Serves midwest. Meetings 1st Thursday of each month. Call for location.

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Contact: Rick Fearn (K6VE), President
P.O. Box 65643
Los Angeles, CA 90065
(213) 256-6556

Serves southern California. Meetings are quarterly on weekends on announced schedule. Dues. Note: Field trips and outings are often scheduled.

Personal Stuff

I would like to correspond with any LARC members who are or were nightclub D.J.s or who collect modern dance music. Write or call —

Robert Baker, WA2IEK
262 40th Street
Irvington, NJ 07111-1149
(201) 374-9631

Would like to meet ham (or aspiring ham) for friendship and possible relationship.

Dale A. Clark, WA0CFQ
Box 668
Wellsville, KS 66092
(913) 883-4090

(Leave message on machine if I'm out.)

I would like to share my home and expense with a compatible ham.

LeRoy D. Lawhorn, W4VIW
Lambda #1095
213 McDonald Street
Greenville, SC 29609-5630
(803) 233-3527

Mode S). I think I will mount a dish in between my two current OSCAR 13 antennas. OSCAR 13 does have a 2.4 GHz downlink for a small segment of each orbit, so I should be able to test things out once I get set up. Again, this information is for future guidance. The main thing now is to get you set up on OSCAR 13, Mode B. The point is, don't spend the extra money on the KLM antennas, buy the HyGain OSCAR 13 antenna pack which Don, Eric (N6ZSU) and I are using. The antennas are well made and work well. HyGain offers them in a combination pack which includes the fiberglass boom you'll need to mount them on either side of the rotator. Buy the complete HyGain OSCAR 13 kit. Mount it on a tripod, say 10 foot. And, buy bandages for your hands for after you put the antennas together.

2. ROTATOR. We discussed (and you almost bought) the Yaesu G5400B combination AZ-EL rotator in Dayton. Still the way to go.

3. CABLE. Order "CQ Flexi 4XL" (the flexible equivalent of Belden 9913). You know already about the type "N" connectors with the large center pin. By the way, even the larger special center pin is not large enough for the stranded braid of the flexi center conductor. I assemble by first tinning the center conductor, then filing it down to fit the pin before soldering. The cable is available from The Radio Works, Portsmouth, VA (804) 484-0140, price around \$.60/ft. When computing how much cable you'll need, bear in mind that the cable HAS TO RUN STRAIGHT BACK OFF THE BACK ENDS OF THE TWO ANTENNA BOOMS (so as not to de-tune the antennas) — then loop back to the tripod, then down to the shack. Figure at least ten feet of cable for each antenna to tripod loop. NOTE: VERY IMPORTANT!!!! This Flexi 9913 cable is air-dielectric, meaning it is almost hollow between the center conductor and the jacket. TWO IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS: A. It WILL SOAK UP WATER LIKE A SPONGE IF IT CAN!!! Order LOTS of CoAx Seal — the black sealant that comes in a tape like spool and remains pliable over the years in outdoor conditions. Use the CoAx seal LIBERALLY to completely mummify all "N" connectors, connector to antenna joints, ANYWHERE where moisture could get into the connectors or CoAx. Water will kill your system at 435 MHZ if it gets into the CoAx or connectors. I

have had no such problem in 2 and 1/2 years using the above method. B. AVOID SHARP BENDS IN THE coax which would cause the center conductor to come into increased internal contact with the jacket and defeat the purpose (low-loss) of having an air dielectric.

4. 2 METER PREAMP. You will need a 2m GaAsFET (High gain, low noise) preamp since the 736R does not have one built in. Since your cable runs will be short (2 ft.), you can put the preamp right in your shack. Forget about the preamp switch on the front of your radio which sends 12v through the CoAx to a tower-mounted preamp! I recommend the Advanced Receiver Research model SP144VDG, with type "N" connectors, available from Advanced Receiver Research, Burlington, CT (203) 582-9409. Cost \$109.95 + shipping. SEE page 130 — April QST. Don and I both have one of these. This is the pre-amp we use on Dxpeditons.

5. TRACKING PROGRAM. Instant Track available from AMSAT. Auto upload of Keplerian elements is a great feature. Keps available on packet or from the Celestial BBS. This you have, I think.

6. 70cm (435 Mhz) POWER AMP. The 736R puts out up to 25 watts. This is not enough except at apogee (when conditions are most favorable). I recommend the RF Concepts 4-110 (10 in 100w out) or 4-310 (30 in 100w out). I am personally using the 4-310 which is a little cheaper than the 4-110. I do get 100 watts out even though my 736R only puts out about 17 watts. Cost about \$300.

7. HEIL BOOMSET. The Yaesu mike is poor, and you MUST use headphones when working on OSCAR 13. You'll enjoy the Heil boomset!

8. POLARITY SWITCHING. Your HyGain antennas come with polarity (left hand circular/right hand circular) switches mounted at the antenna feed points. These switches are powered by 12 v sent up independently and switched in the shack. You do not have to hook these up initially. The default (power off) is right hand circular which is fine most of the time. Left hand circular polarization is very useful at certain times: when the satellite is low in the sky (early and late in the orbit), and often when the satellite is using its Omni-directional antenna rather than its high gain antennas. If you want to go ahead and hook these up, you'll just have to run 12v lines to each polarity switch and construct a little

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switch arrangement in the shack — no big deal. It's nice to be able to switch the polarity when necessary. 9. RELIABLE COMPASS and ELEVATION SET DEVICE. In order to use OSCAR 13, YOU MUST POINT YOUR ANTENNAS AT IT! Sounds simple, I know. But you'd be surprised at how many new AO-13 hams try to work through the bird long path! Ask Eric. I use a high quality compass for azimuth, then correct for deviation, and a plastic protractor and level for elevation. A good test once you've got the antennas assembled and pointed (you think) is to attach a cardboard tube to the array and aim at the moon one bright moonlit night. Then look through the cardboard tube and (hopefully) sight the moon! This will tell you how accurately you're pointing. Now that I've spent a good deal more of your money, I'll stop, but, if you have any questions about these recommendations let me know. Perhaps Don or Jim (AF9A) will have some comments also. I can't wait to get you up on "13" so we can talk every day! I'd also love to get Tom up on the bird after he gets settled into the new QTH. I've included some info that you already know because I'll probably forge this E-Mail into an article for the LARC news!

From Don (WB6LYI): Here's a thought or two of my own in addition to KK3K's comments. Jim is right on the money. Couple of points ... The last I heard, Phase IIID WILL have Mode B, but (as Jim points out) that could go away at any time while development is going on. As they say, it's cast in Jell-O! Ditto on the Hy-Gain antennas — they're great! Forget about the 1.2 GHz downlink that you'll read about. The U.S. in about the ONLY place that even uses those frequencies for amateur use. So, next stop is 2.4 and 10 GHz. I suggest we go into business and produce and antenna kit for 2.4 GHz for all those who will want to upgrade their stations. Soon, there will be a migration. Yes, do get a supply of bandages when putting together the antennas. I didn't need them myself, but it's a LONG and laborious process. Allow two days to assemble the antennas. Get plenty of sleep so you'll have the patience to get through it. It's not hard, but it IS rather trying. Rotator ... Yaesu is the way to go. Period. Ditto on CQ-Flexi, with the precautions observed. The 2 meter preamp ... Eric also uses the ARR preamp. Pay no attention whatsoever to all the QRM you'll hear about mast-mounting the damned thing. I talked with a guy here who has a company that manufactures preamps, and he said to totally forget it unless the cable run is over 100-150 feet. Since that's not likely to be the case for you, do yourself the favor and put it in the shack. It's be one less thing to get exposed to the elements, and, therefore, one less thing to maintain. Inside the shack is not only much easier, but much more reliable. InstantTrack 1.00b is available from AMSAT for \$50 with your

paid subscription to the AMSAT Journal. They take MC/Visa I think. Ditto on the Heil Boomset. It's great and VERY lightweight. Personally, I don't bother with polarity switching. I guess I'm not a purist. Hi! Yep, save a couple of paper towel tubes to Scotch tape to the boom. Use InstantTrack to track the moon, and adjust the base of the rotator and the antenna boom until you are pointing at it. If you can hit the moon, you can hit the bird. Sounds weird, I know. Howard ... good luck ... I know all this stuff sounds pretty overwhelming, but it'll all clear up very quickly. Not hard, just confusing! From Jim (AF9A): Just have to get my 2 cents in here about Jim's comments about OSCAR 13 and Phase IIID... First of all, I attended the AMSAT Forum Saturday afternoon at Dayton, which is why I was late (almost) to the LARC meeting. Bill Tynan stated that in spite of what you may have heard, there will be a mode B transmitter on Phase IIID. Although, he admitted they had not yet found anyone to design and build that transmitter! It is probably true that mode B is on the way out and mode S is probably the direction things will go. One of my goals for this summer is to get a mode S receiver going. Plan on using the Down East Microwave converter. Certainly, all of the comments from Jim and the reply from Don are good advice. If you put together a station as they have recommended, you'll have a first class setup. (By the way, Jim, I saw your call listed in level 7 ZRO test results. That's excellent!) I am using the (not recommended) Cushcraft antennas. No doubt, the KLM are the best, but very expensive. It would be interesting to do a side-by-side comparison. They do work, however, and if you had a chance to pick up a set at a ridiculously low price, you might consider it. Alternately, some guys use linearly polarized antennas. We use this on field day, and it works, though not quite as good as circular polarization. If you have good 2 meter and 440 beams, you could use these on an az-el rotator to get started. Just depends on how much money you think you want to sink into this adventure at the start! I have my antennas mounted on the roof, on a mast. On receive, I have equal lengths of foam RG8 type coax, about 25 ft. long, from vertical and horizontal elements down to the polarity switcher relay and preamp which I mounted under eave, protected from the weather. Then I run RG8 (about 80') into the shack. Don is right, the polarization switching doesn't buy you much. Sometimes man-made noise is less on one or the other, if you have that problem. On transmit, I have about 80 ft of 1/2 inch Heliex which you can pick up pretty cheap at a hamfest. I also use the Advanced Receiver Research preamp. Good device! Hope to hear you up on 13 in the near future. It's a lot of fun!

A Second Look

by Bob Laycock (KA8UHL, Cleveland, OH)

[The following was posted recently by LARC member Bob Laycock (KA8UHL) as his response to the on-going discussion of "Gays in the Military" on GENie. His view is eloquently stated and I thought you would all enjoy reading it. — Ed.]

This topic has certainly provoked an avalanche of comment. I guess I'm not surprised. As a gay man active in the struggle for civil rights since 1975, I am well aware of the strength and power of the mythologies surrounding homosexuality and gay people. As can be seen in so many posts here, the stereotypes

and "truisms" about us have taken on a quality of "simple common sense" and "self-evident fact" after decades, if not centuries, of endless repetition.

You would think we'd learn from history, but sadly we don't. While the character and nature of African-American oppression may be different in many respects from gay oppression, there are lessons to be learned. In particular, I refer to the many racist notions once held by otherwise kind, reasonable, and humane

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Four Element Quad Antenna for 2 Meters

by Tom (K14ZN, Winter Springs, FL)

Not so long ago a design for a 2 meter J Pole antenna was presented and the feedback has been very favorable. Several of them have been constructed and are now on the air. Please let us know if you would like to have more articles like these in the future. The possibility also exists to provide additional printed circuit boards at a nominal price similar to the one for the Power Supply offered earlier.

The four element quad design presented in this article theoretically has a gain of a 11 element Yagi type antenna. All the materials should be available locally at an inexpensive price. The most difficult item to find will be the cross pieces which are 1/4 inch in diameter. You may want to try bicycle flag poles made of fiberglass. Worst case, you can use wooden dowel rods, but be sure to waterproof them with boiled paraffin since they will absorb water and who knows what the results might be.

As you may know PVC pipe measurements are usually in terms of inside diameter. The antenna boom, as shown in Figure 1, is made of schedule 40 PVC pipe, 1 inch in diameter. Cut the pipe at approximately 21 inches and connect the two parts with a 1 inch "T" fitting.

The abbreviations used in Figure 1 are as follows:

R = Reflector
DE = Driven Element
D1 = First Director
D2 = Second Director

Figure 2 provides construction information for the 4 elements involved. I suggest you use #14 gauge stranded wire on the spreaders.

In the interest of brevity these instructions are crude but the design allows for individual creativity. For example, the antenna can built of all wooden dowel rods if desired. You should remember for vertical polarization, you feed a quad from the horizontal spreader end.

There it is folks and I hope you are able to build and use the antenna. Hope to see you at Dayton.

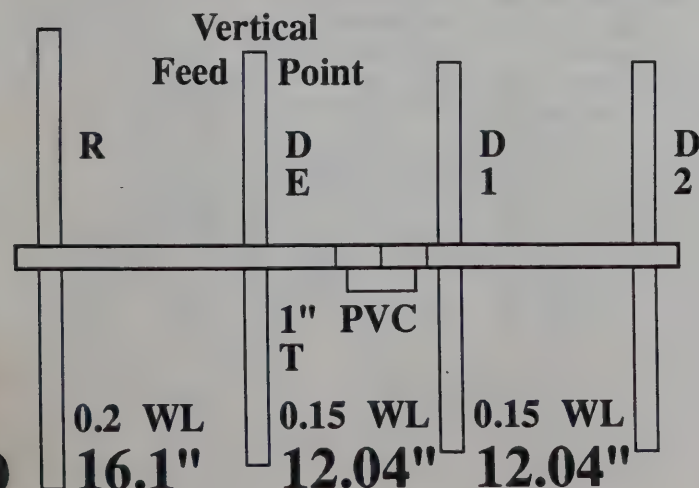


Figure 1

LARC Press Release on VP2M DXpedition

Lambda Amateur Radio Club Concludes Successful OSCAR-13 DXpedition to Montserrat

A team of five operators, members of the Lambda Amateur Radio Club for gay and lesbian hams and their friends and supporters, conducted a successful OSCAR-13 satellite only DXpedition to the island of Montserrat (VP2M) during the period March 9 through March 14, 1993. The LARC DXpedition to Montserrat marked the first time that the Island has ever been activated on any amateur satellite. The five operators were: Nick Altenbernd, VP2MFG (KA1MQX) of Boston, MA; Mark Wilcox, VP2MFB (KC3XC) of Washington, DC; Philip Jenkins, VP2MFC (WD4IJV) of Fairview, NC; Don Bledsoe, VP2MFD (WB6LYI) of Long Beach, CA; and Jim Kelly, VP2MFF (KK3K) of Philadelphia, PA.

In addition to activating Montserrat on satellite for DXers, the Lambda Amateur Radio Club will also award an engraved certificate signed by each LARC DXpedition operator to all hams who worked all five LARC DXpedition team members during the DXpedition. Certificates will be automatically mailed by LARC using the callbook address of each ham who qualifies.

The LARC team set up their ground station at a condominium complex located at Cork Hill on top of a ridge overlooking the Belham Valley in grid square FK86VR about 3KM NNW of Plymouth, the capital of Montserrat. The LARC team demonstrated satellite operation to members of the Montserrat Amateur Radio Society who visited while the DXpedition was in progress. LARC would like to thank Montserrat Amateur Radio Society President Mr. Victor James, VP2MQ, and the other members of the Society for their generous hospitality and assistance afforded us prior to and during our DXpedition to Montserrat.

OSCAR-13 SSB QSO totals for the DXpedition were:

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|--------|------|--------------------------------|
| VP2MFB | 221 | QSL to KC3XC |
| | | POB 24810, Phila., PA 19130 |
| VP2MFC | 215 | QSL to WD4IJV via the callbook |
| VP2MFD | 215 | QSL to WB6LYI via the callbook |
| VP2MFF | 250 | QSL to KK3K via the callbook |
| VP2MFG | 251 | QSL to KA1MQX via the callbook |
| Total | 1152 | |

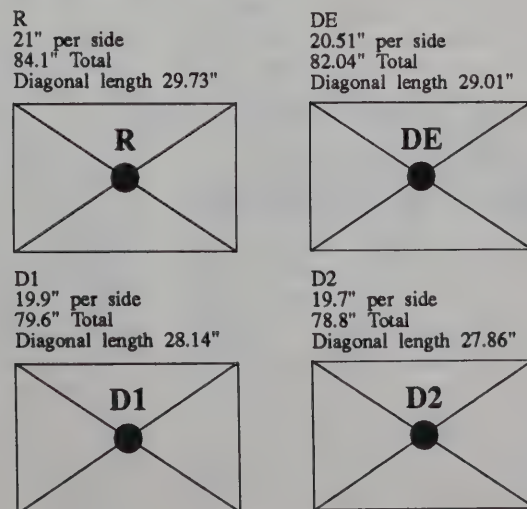


Figure 2

A Second Look

people simply because these beliefs were simply considered obvious. To question them would seem almost like questioning whether night would follow day.

Today we blush with embarrassment watching old newsreels showing some "scientist" reporting supposed findings of inferiority. We see clearly now how misguided the fears were in the 1940s about segregating the military. We also shake our heads in disgust at the ways biblical scripture was used to justify slavery. We even laugh at the total absurdity of soundbites from the 50s and 60s as citizens railed against integration — except that these people were serious and their statements sometimes had deadly consequences.

There's a whole lot of this kind of stuff going on today in the reaction against lesbian and gay civil rights, and the effort to end discrimination in the military. There are pronouncements that gays are "abnormal", that the Bible is against gays, that gays "choose" to be so, that gays "recruit", that equal rights are actually "special rights", that granting legal equality will somehow end life on Earth as we know it, and on, and on, and on.

Somehow, I find in this debate that opponents of gay rights seem to forget one central principle: That this is the United States of America, supposedly the beacon of liberty and democracy for all the world. In America, one is supposed to be able to live his or her life in freedom and equality, provided that they do not infringe on the rights of others.

These freedoms are not restricted solely to those who agree with the majority. Indeed, to take this view turns the entire concept of liberty on its head. If not extended to those who are different than the majority, liberty is rendered meaningless. Liberty and totalitarianism would become one in the same:

It's okay to be and think one way; it's not okay to be and think another.

Also, it is NOT a right to be totally free from ever seeing or hearing something that may differ from your beliefs or values. Christians, for instance, do not have a right to be shielded at all times from Jews or atheists. Vegetarians must accept that the person next to them may eat a hamburger. Straights must accept that a gay couple may live next door — and that they have every equal right to kiss goodbye in the driveway each morning just as the straight couple does.

A critical error in logic made by opponents of gays is that their religious views against homosexuality somehow justify laws that discriminate (such as sodomy laws) or the absence of laws that would grant true equality (such as legal same-sex marriage). The founding Fathers specifically built into the Constitution a separation of church and state. In America, law should permit straights to marry and live their lives with full legal protection, AND law should also allow gay couples the same opportunity.

It is not enough to say, "It's okay with me if you're gay as long as you keep it to yourself." That's NOT equality. It's not even open-minded. It's simply saying: "Let's keep the status quo. Be who you are if you must, but stay closeted and don't let anyone have a clue you're gay."

Don't make waves, don't suggest you have rights, don't publish books or magazines, don't seek to be portrayed on TV or in movies, don't be artists ... Just shut up and go away.

The challenge of America and of humanity is to accept — indeed, to celebrate — that we are not all alike. I sometimes wonder if those who oppose gays realize how sterile and bland the world would be if everyone was the same

color, the same religion, only liked the same food or dress, only liked one kind of music or art, only like blonds or brunettes, only like one style of comedy, and so on.

How sad that so many of us fear humanity and life itself. Rather than seeing texture, depth and richness in human diversity, many instead see danger, crime, perversity and evil. I'm okay, of course. The other guy is bad, and if he moves in next door, there go my property values!

This week in Washington, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum is opening. Many opponents of gay civil rights may not realize that homosexuals were targeted by Hitler. As many as 15,000 gays may have been sent to the concentration camps. It is this event that gave rise to the modern gay movement's emblem, the pink triangle. The Nazis forced gays in the camps to wear pink triangles, just as Jews did the Star of David.

We are engaged in a long-term struggle that will, in time, succeed. Gays and lesbians will overcome the oppression brought on by ignorance and fear. Opponents of gay civil rights may not be sympathizers with the Nazi crimes of years ago, but they aid and abet the modern manifestations of hatred. Proclamations that we are sick, that we want "special rights" which threaten the majority, that God hates us, all give encouragement and license to the thugs who gay-bash and murder.

One can say, "Oh I'm not for violence." Gays should be free to live in peace, we just think they're wrong. God says so." But in doing so, the responsibility sticks. Preach prejudice, and the hate will follow.

It's time to take a close look at ourselves and our history. It's time to learn and grow as a nation and people.

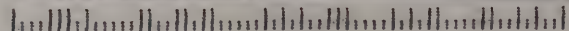
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Net Newsbits

by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

ARRL V. LARC Update

LARC's discrimination claim against the ARRL is proceeding in Connecticut. The ARRL met with the Connecticut investigator assigned to the case on April 13. An attorney for the ARRL telephoned LARC's attorney Robert G. Miller the day after the meeting (April 14) with a proposed settlement. LARC's attorneys are now evaluating the ARRL proposal.

LARC Members Attend Two Record Setting Events in April

The weekend of April 23-25, 1993 was a busy one for LARC members, their life-partners and friends. A contingent of 41 LARC personnel attended the largest Dayton Hamvention on record.

Unconfirmed reports put the total Hamvention attendance figure at between 35 and 40 thousand! Another contingent of LARC members was in Washington, DC for the third National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights which was held on Sunday April 25th. This event was also characterized by a record attendance of approximately one million people, although the number is in dispute. One thing is for sure: there were huge crowds both in Dayton and in Washington, DC for both events!

Attending this year's Hamvention were: Robert (KD4WOW) and Jason; Roy (N5KLC) and Norm; Jim (KK3K); Howard (W9BVD); Dick (K3AKK) and Joe; Tom (KI4ZN) and Dick; Duane (K4UW) and Gary (KD4SRX); John (K3RGB) and Chris; Vic (WB5MEI); Art (N5MVT); Charlie (K9PVS/5); Derek (W4/G4JKE); Bob (NG2P); Jim (WB4ZMK); Rick (K6VE) and Larry (KA6NVL); Dale (WA0CFQ); Philip

(WD4IJV); Joe (WA2NGX); Harry (N2CJM); Gordon (WB5OYL); John (WK8X); Carolyn (WA8MWA); Dave (N8NSA) and Cindy (N8VZX); Roddy Reavis; Bob Baker; Mike (KA9THL); Tim Abbott; Don (N8RZQ); Tom (N0GQD); Ken (N1HRZ); Irv (AF2K); Jim (AF9A) and Joe (KA3UBG).

Attending the National March on Washington were: Bob (KA8UHL) and David; Brian (N8VTA) and Doug; Vikki Jensen; Ed (WA3NGD) and Thurman; Nick (KA1MQX); Don (WB6LYD); Jim (KK3K) and Dan; Mark (KC3XC) and Ted; Lisa (KB2DWB) and Monica; and Rob (N4YGZ).

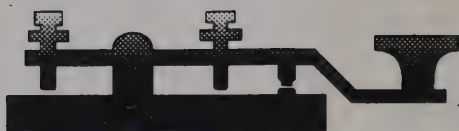
The weather was good in Dayton on Friday, but there was intermittent rain on Saturday and thunderstorms Sunday morning. In Washington, DC, the weather was excellent for the March. It was sunny and warm. Most marchers ended up with a case of sunburn!

In Dayton, LARC members attended the Hamvention flea market and the huge indoor exhibit areas. The crowds were unusually heavy even on Friday, both indoors and outdoors. One unconfirmed report was that Hamvention officials were told to suspend ticket sales at noon on Saturday due to the heavy attendance. Informal LARC get-togethers were held at the Olive Garden Restaurant on Thursday evening and at the Casa Lupita on Friday evening. In addition, the annual LARC business meeting was held on Saturday evening at the LARC headquarters hotel followed by the annual LARC awards banquet held again at the Bombay Bicycle Club restaurant. At the banquet a special club service recognition award was presented to Philip (WD4IJV). The LARC

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In Washington, DC, several LARC members were hosted by Washington, DC LARC members Mark (KC3XC) and his partner Ted. Many LARC members arrived in Washington, DC several days ahead of the March and enjoyed the full schedule of March related events that were planned prior to the March itself. On Sunday, the day of the March, LARC members began assembling on the Mall early in the morning. It was soon apparent that the size of the crowd would mean that most March contingents would have

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Serves Phila. metro area including S. Jersey, N. Delaware, and Maryland.
Meetings every 6-8 weeks. No dues.
Note: Chapter presently inactive.

Finger Lakes Chapter — 1993

Contact: Dave Minchella (KE2GE)
80 Campfire Rd. North
Henrietta, NY 14467
(716) 359-3337

Serves western and central NY state.
Meetings 3rd Friday each month for dinner and meeting. Dues are \$5 per year.
Chapter outings to local attractions.

Gateway (GLARC) Chapter — 1993

Contact: Bob Hamilton (WA0S)
2301 Park Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63104-2541
(314) 773-4056

Serves midwest. Meetings 1st Thursday of each month. Call for location.

Hollywood Chapter — 1993

Contact: Rick Fearn (K6VE), President
P.O. Box 65643
Los Angeles, CA 90065
(213) 256-6556

Serves southern California. Meetings are quarterly on weekends on announced schedule. Dues. Note: Field trips and outings are often scheduled.

Personal Stuff

I would like to correspond with any LARC members who are or were nightclub D.J.s or who collect modern dance music. Write or call —

Robert Baker, WA2IEK
262 40th Street
Irvington, NJ 07111-1149
(201) 374-9631

Would like to meet ham (or aspiring ham) for friendship and possible relationship.

Dale A. Clark, WA2CFQ
Box 668
Wellsville, KS 66092
(913) 883-4090

(Leave message on machine if I'm out.)

I would like to share my home and expense with a compatible ham.

LeRoy D. Lawhorn, W4VIW
Lambda #1095
213 McDonald Street
Greenville, SC 29609-5630
(803) 233-3527

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to wait hours before actually joining the March. Crowds were so huge on the Mall that the LARC contingent actually had to "talk-in" members wishing to find the LARC group. LARC MOW coordinator Bob (KA8UHL) had secured a march position for LARC: #56 in the Arts and Culture Division. At least two hams, non-LARC members, noticed our banner and requested more information on LARC. LARC members had assembled at position #56 behind the LARC banner by about 11:30 AM, however, the LARC contingent did not step-off onto the street until almost 5PM due to the size of the MARCH! However, the LARC contingent did march proudly behind the LARC banner, completing the March route at about 6 PM. The March route was lined by thousands of cheering supporters. After the March, Mark (KC3XC) and Ted hosted most members of the LARC contingent for a delicious home-cooked dinner.

Chapter News

The Gateway Chapter of LARC has formally affiliated with LARC. The Chapter is based in St. Louis, MO and covers LARC members living in mid-America. Currently the Chapter lists seven members. Meetings are held monthly. Chapter Officers are Bob Hamilton (WA0S) and Bob Nicolai (W0EKM). Contact Bob (W0EKM) for Chapter information at (314) 621-7618 or (800) NIC-OLAI, or (800) POSTERS.

Lambda Amateur Radio Club-Finger Lakes Chapter Excerpts of Minutes of April 1993 Meeting. Location: Dede's Exit 45 Restaurant, Victor, NY. Following dinner, which included a surprise birthday cake for dessert honoring Dave KE2GE and Doc N2IKR, the meeting was called to order by Chapter President Dave KE2GE at 7:51 PM Friday, April 16th. Present: Dave KE2GE, Jim N2IMS, Doc N2IKR, Buddha N2OIA, Lisa KB2DWB, Irv AF2K, Joe WA2NGX, Blair C., Warren T. Minutes from the March meeting were distributed and approved as submitted. Treasurer's Report: Jim N2IMS reported a current balance of \$30.66, no change from the previous month. KE2GE read aloud correspondence received from International LARC President KK3K acknowledging FLC's letter of support and contribution to Lambda Legal Defense Fund. Old Business: Field Day—Possible alternate sites were discussed after previously discussed possibilities

became unavailable. KE2GE will investigate a potential site near Dundee in Yates County. WA2NGX again detailed the equipment, antennas, etc. he has available. N2IKR will provide a portable packet set-up, and KE2GE will attempt to get the solar cells to charge a 2-meter HT for additional bonus points. AF2K will provide a Field Day logging program disk to WA2NGX in a few days for his review. Club Project — KE2GE has completed assembling a unit and it is working. Preliminary work is done. Banner — AF2K will be taking the east coast National LARC banner to Dayton for use there and also at the March on Washington, Sunday April 25th. Inasmuch as FLC will not have a need for it in the coming months, there is no urgency to having the add-on strip made that can be attached along the bottom edge of the national banner. New Business: Rochester Hamfest— Many Chapter members plan on attending the Saturday evening Awards Banquet at the Marriott; we anticipate sitting at one table as a group. The regular monthly get-together (luncheon) and business meeting will take place at 2M's Restaurant on Jefferson Road at the close of the Hamfest, approximately 1:00 PM on Sunday May 23rd. N2IKR showed the group his Satellite Tracking program. Motion for adjournment was made at 8:27 PM. Respectfully submitted, I. J. Goodman, AF2K, LARC / FLC Secretary. Thanks to Joe (WA2NGX) for uploading the FLC minutes to GENie.

Winds Of Change?

The text below was scanned in from a Canadian amateur radio club newsletter so that it could be read and discussed openly among US amateurs. It presents one view of how the rules and regulations we hams operate under may well shift drastically in the future. The message is a speech presented to the London (Ontario, Canada) Amateur Radio Club by Peter Alien of the Canadian DOC (Dept. Of Communications?) on December 10, 1992 as supplied by him to Eric Pierce, VE3EPP, Editor of the LARC (London ARC) Bulletin. Peter has given his permission to make the speech available to the Canadian amateur community at large. Please give it wide circulation. A couple of notable points: The need for morse code may be completely dropped in the future. The future of amateur radio is in the hands of the Hams, not the

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DOC! This should generate some comments, lets put our heads together and see what we can ALL do to keep HAM radio healthy! The speech was entitled "Amateur's Challenge for Change".

Mr. Alien:

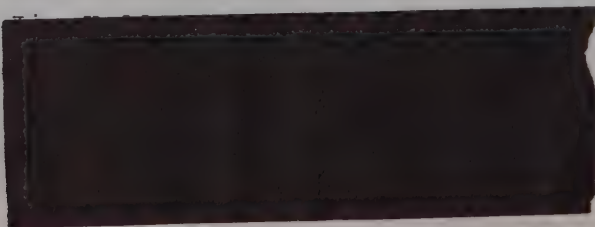
"It is a pleasure to represent the Department tonight, thank you for the invitation. An ancient Greek philosopher once said: 'Nothing endures but change'. Change is a constant in the life of all of us. And this is no less true of Amateur radio. I see many grey headed people here tonight that can testify to this fact. Change is something that we have no choice but to accept or we'll be left behind. The restructuring of the amateur service back in October, 1990 was one of the biggest changes that affected your hobby. Some of you may have disagreed with restructuring while some may have wholeheartedly supported it. You may or may not know that just this week, the proposed changes to the regulations that we have been following since the fall of 1990 have now become law. The fact is, without it, the amateur radio service was in for trouble. Until two years ago, the average rate of growth of amateur stations had dropped to only about one and a half (1.5) percent per year. If we were to go back further than ten years, the statistics would not be much different. This snail's pace rate of growth was largely due to the amateur community. It was the amateurs that demanded stringent examinations so that only those who 'knew their stuff' technically could become amateur radio operators. This slow growth and closed shop mentality has led to the greying of amateur radio. Now with the new regulations in place, is amateur radio going to be a dying hobby? We hope not because you provide a valuable service in the community, especially during times of emergency. Recent figures since restructuring have been encouraging. Over the past two years we have seen about a twenty-five (25) percent increase in the number of ham operators. Will this trend continue? Only you can answer that question, because it is entirely up to you. When restructuring happened we saw a lot of people, with credits in Regulations and Theory but could not pass code tests, come in and get their basic qualification. This grandfathering provision accounted for about a 7% jump in the first year. The increase last year was due to clearing up the backlog demand after implementing restructuring. However, we believe that the growth rate will revert, within the next year or two, to the low levels it was before restructuring. Why did the DOC go through this exercise of restructuring which, by the way, was extremely time consuming and expensive? Because it was time for change. When you buy a car, do you need to know how many times the piston undergoes a power stroke per minute, or the gear ratio of the transmission? No. As long as the car looks the way we want and gets us from A to B that's all most of us really care about. The same is true of amateur radio. Technology has changed a lot of things. We have come from the world of designing and building our own equipment (which you can still do if you want) to a world of buying commercially built transceivers ready to simply 'push-to-talk'. As a result, amateur radio is now 'operationally' oriented instead

of 'technically' oriented. Many people don't care to know how a superhet receiver operates, just as long as it does and they can talk to the amateur over Europe. Thus restructuring the examination process was necessary to keep up with the changed mentality. The old theory examinations for the amateur certificate (not even the advanced) was difficult for the person who was not technically minded or did not have the resources to obtain a lot of technical training. With the advent of commercially built equipment with excellent specifications and ease of operation, it just did not make a lot of sense not to change. Now with about forty hours of class room instruction one can obtain enough technical background to pass the Basic qualification. What about morse code? Many objected to the idea of a no-code certificate. But nothing new was introduced here. The old Amateur Digital certificate introduced in 1978 was a no-code certificate. Let's be honest, here too the world is changing. Thanks (or maybe no thanks) to technology, morse code is possibly on its way to becoming extinct some day. This is reflected in the ITU regulations which changed the code requirement from 144 Mhz down to 30 Mhz back in 1987. The only thing now maintaining the code requirement is the safety of life at sea. Soon the SOLAS regulations, which depend on morse code below 30 Mhz will be replaced by the Global Marine Distress Safety System (GMDSS) which is largely satellite based technology. When this happens we may see no need to maintain morse code qualification in amateur radio. How will you react to this? Will you accept the changes and move on to new challenge or will you fight it? History shows that reluctance to change is only detrimental in the long run. The challenge presently facing all of you here tonight is this: How do we prevent Amateur Radio from becoming extinct? Very simply you have got to get out there and recruit new interest. Do everything you can to interest young people in ham radio. Advertise. Talk to people. Provide instruction, as you are doing, but be more flexible. Don't limit your training to some night time course. People are busy these days. Make it convenient for them. Could you convince the local high school to establish an after school ham club, where a station could be set up? Could you convince the school authorities to make 'Introduction to Radio Theory' a part of an electrical/electronics course? Could you set up a station in a mall for a weekend and allow people to operate it? The possibilities are limited only by your imagination. It's all up to you. There is one other consideration. Don't expect a lot of help from the Government. As you know people are demanding less government these days. And with less government comes fewer services. This means that you are going to have to accept the responsibility to ensure that amateur radio does not go the way of the rain forests. There's much to be said in the saying 'United we stand, divided we fall'. I encourage you not to quarrel amongst yourselves or other clubs, but cooperate and let your personal interests and ideas be known and thus contribute to the advancement of amateur radio. Supporting a national organization is an ideal way of accomplishing much good. I know that many individual amateurs do not support the idea of a single national amateur organization represent them, but in these days of government restraint it is the best way and maybe the only way to ensure the survival of amateur radio. Thank you!"

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by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

LARC Concludes Successful DXpedition to Montserrat

A team of five operators and three significant others, members of LARC, conducted a successful OSCAR-13 satellite-only DXpedition to the Island of Montserrat (VP2M) during the period March 9 through March 14, 1993. The LARC DXpedition to Montserrat was organized by Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI) and marked the first time that the Island has ever been activated on any high-orbiting amateur radio satellite. The five operators were: Nick Altenbernd, VP2MFG (KA1MQX) of Boston, MA; Mark Wilcox, VP2MFB (KC3XC) of Washington, DC; Philip Jenkins, VP2MFC (WD4IJV) of Fairview, NC; Don Bledsoe, VP2MFD (WB6LYI) of Long Beach, CA; and Jim Kelly, VP2MFF (KK3K) of Philadelphia, PA. Also travelling to Montserrat were Ernest Collins, Ted Lovett, and Dan Evans, the life partners, respectively, of Philip, Mark, and Jim. In addition to activating Montserrat on satellite for DXers, LARC will also award an engraved certificate signed by each LARC DXpedition operator to all hams who worked all five LARC DXpedition team members during the DXpedition. Certificates will be automatically mailed by LARC using the callbook address of each ham who qualifies. The LARC team set up their ground station at a condominium complex located at Cork Hill on top of a ridge overlooking the Belham Valley in grid square FK86VR about 3KM NNW of Plymouth, the capital of Montserrat. The LARC team demonstrated satellite operation to members of the Montserrat

Amateur Radio Society who visited while the DXpedition was in progress. LARC would like to thank Montserrat Amateur Radio Society President Mr. Victor James, VP2MQ, and the other members of the Society for their generous hospitality and assistance afforded us prior to and during our DXpedition to Montserrat. OSCAR-13 SSB QSO Totals for the DXpedition were:

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| VP2MFB | 221 | QSL to KC3XC,
POB 24810, Phila.
PA 19130 |
| VP2MFC | 215 | QSL to WD4IJV via
the callbook |
| VP2MFD | 215 | QSL to WB6LYI via
the callbook |
| VP2MFF | 250 | QSL to KK3K via
the callbook |
| VP2MFG | 251 | QSL to KA1MQX via
the callbook |
| Total Contacts: | | 1152 |

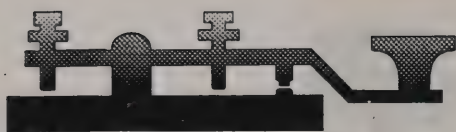
Update On March On Washington Arrangements

by Bob (KA8UHL, Cleveland, OH)

LARC is now an official endorsing organization for the March on Washington. Given the amount of work they have to do, our earlier request to be placed on the endorsement list was lost. LARC is now also registered to be an official march contingent. We will be in section #56 of the march, a collection of groups under "Arts/Culture." Perhaps it seems odd, but that appeared the most applicable section. We'll march with our banner. The section behind us (#57) will be the Maryland state contingent. This assignment will place us right in the middle of the march. If not section #56, we would have been placed in the last section at the end of the march ("Other") right in front of Dykes on Bikes. I opted

against ... too much noise! The march route, and hence the gathering point, is not yet clear. The Park Service is prohibiting use of the mall — like yeah! With one million marchers in town!! — but the committee tells me they're trying to work it out with the Clinton administration. Stay tuned ... as I write this, only a handful of members have notified me of their intention to attend. It appears a lot of our organizing will be very last-minute as a result, but PLEASE encourage anyone you know who's coming to let me know. I'll probably put out a last-minute mailing to those who contact me. I can be reached at: Bob Laycock, KA8UHL, P.O. Box 91757, Cleveland, Ohio, 44101-3757. Keep those cards, letters and e-mails coming! I need to know who will be there AND as much other info as possible: when arriving and leaving, where staying with phone number if possible, etc. The only "official" gathering of LARC in Washington will be on Sunday, April 25th, at the march itself. Gathering for the march (at the point to be announced later) will begin about sunrise. The march will start at 12:00 Noon. Arrive way too early! Don't forget there'll be a million folks. It'll be very, very crowded. LARC members are then encouraged to get together in whatever groupings as time and opportunity permits. We're all on our own. Stay tuned ... I will be posting more news in the coming days including updates on the above. For now — please have anyone you know contact me if they are planning to be in Washington.

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President's Key

by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)
President, LARC

We had a great, great time on the second annual LARC sponsored OSCAR-13 DXpedition, this time to the beautiful island paradise of Montserrat. I won't go into the details here because I'm sure several of our team members will have articles on our trip to share with the club here in the newsletter. But, I would like to comment on three aspects of our experience in Montserrat.

First, I want to acknowledge and thank Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI) for making our DXpedition possible. Don did the bulk of the research and organizing. It's no wonder our DXpedition was such a success.

Second, I wish each and every LARC member could have been with us in Montserrat. There was a special feeling of love and comradeship that developed among the eight LARC members and spouses who spent a wonderful week together. We enjoyed hamming, swimming, sightseeing, dining together, simple relaxation and conversation. We got to know each other. We became much better friends. While we hated to leave the beautiful island of Montserrat after the week was over, perhaps the saddest part of it was saying goodbye for the time being to our friends. We each hated to see an end to the wonderful friendship experience that was LARC in Montserrat come to an end all too soon. We all have many, many happy memories of a very special week. This explains why we all want to do it again. I wish we could have shared the experience with everyone in the club!

Finally, a few comments on the other really great thing that happened in Montserrat: the support that five openly gay ham radio operators got from the general ham community, i.e., the ham operators on OSCAR-13. We made over 1150 contacts all over the world. We made no secret about who we were and in fact, we made announcements on the air regularly stating that LARC was sponsoring the DXpedition. Several operators helped us manage the pile-ups. One friend, Craig (N2MNA) was extremely helpful throughout the entire DXpedition. While there were one or two negative comments from homophobic individuals, these rare instances meant nothing in comparison with the overwhelming support and favorable reaction and comments from the OSCAR 13 ham community. LARC proudly put a new country on the satellite. We proved once again that bigotry is illogical, and we made many new friends in the process. This, combined with the special friendship experience we experienced made our DXpedition a success that will be difficult to duplicate. de KK3K

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LARC at The Dayton Hamvention '93

In spite of the fact that the March On Washington and the Dayton Hamvention both occur on the same weekend, another record turnout of LARC members is expected in Dayton for the 1993 Hamvention on the weekend of April 23-25. LARC Dayton Housing Coordinator Howard (W9BVD) has reserved a block of rooms for LARC members and he is busy working on room assignments. LARC members who have sent in their Dayton reservations should look for an informational mailing from Howard prior to the Hamvention.

KI4ZN And KD4WOW Circuit Board Fund Raiser A Success

Tom (KI4ZN) and Robert (KD4WOW) raised in excess of \$60.00 for LARC in connection with their project to make printed circuit boards available to LARC members for the 12 Volt, 15 amp power supply project as published in the November issue of QST. Tom and Robert are also planning a follow-up. They plan to make yet another project circuit board available for a nominal donation to LARC. They may have the boards available in Dayton!

New LARC HF Schedules

LARC members who are regular LARC HF net check-ins have shifted the 20:00 Zulu Sunday HF net from 10 meters to 17 meters. The new frequency is 18.137 +/- QRM. The first LARC WARC band net met on Sunday, March 28, and conditions were interesting and quite promising. Other LARC Sunday HF nets on 20 and 15 meters remain unchanged as to time and frequency. This change affects only the 20:00 Zulu sked.

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Membership Roster

Membership rosters are published several times each year and will be inserted into an issue of the LAMBDA NET NEWS. This summarized roster lists basic member information. If you'd like to receive a highly detailed, in-depth listing of each member, just send a 9" x 12" self-addressed envelope with \$1.90 postage affixed and a custom printed roster will be on its way to you. This way, you can have an updated roster as often as you'd like and LARC will not be sending rosters to anyone who doesn't want one.

Mail your request TODAY to:
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P.O. Box 91299
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Need Information

Information is being sought for a Japanese manufactured multimode 2 meter radio called ITC Multi-2000. It has FM/CW/SSB modes.

Please contact WP4CYF by phone at 809-267-0319 after 9 PM AST.

LARC Chapter Directory

City of Brotherly Love (COBL)

Chapter

Contact: Jim Kelly (KK3K)
P.O. Box 24810
Philadelphia, PA 19130
(215) 978-LARC

Serves Phila. metro area including S. Jersey, N. Delaware, and Maryland. Meetings every 6-8 weeks. No dues. Note: Chapter presently inactive.

Finger Lakes Chapter — 1993

Contact: Dave Minchella (KE2GE)
80 Campfire Rd. North
Henrietta, NY 14467
(716) 359-3337

Serves western and central NY state. Meetings 3rd Friday each month for dinner and meeting. Dues are \$5 per year. Chapter outings to local attractions.

Hollywood Chapter

Contact: Rick Fearn (K6VE), President
P.O. Box 65643
Los Angeles, CA 90065
(213) 256-6556

Serves southern California. Meetings are quarterly on weekends on announced schedule. Dues. Note: Field trips and outings are often scheduled.

Personal Stuff

I would like to correspond with any LARC members who are or were nightclub D.J.s or who collect modern dance music. Write or call —

Robert Baker, WA2IEK
262 40th Street
Irvington, NJ 07111-1149
(201) 374-9631

Would like to meet ham (or aspiring ham) for friendship and possible relationship.

Dale A. Clark, WA0CFQ
Box 668
Wellsville, KS 66092
(913) 883-4090

(Leave message on machine if I'm out.)

I would like to share my home and expense with a compatible ham.

LeRoy D. Lawhorn, WA4VW
Lambda #1095
213 McDonald Street
Greenville, SC 29609-5630
(803) 233-3527

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LARC members in Florida have initiated a new local net on 40 meters. The Net meets on Sundays at 09:45 local time on a frequency of 7.280. All LARC members within propagation range are cordially invited to check in!

FCC Proposes New Rule On Auto Forwarding

According to a recent ARRL bulletin, the FCC has proposed establishing a compliance policy for amateur stations participating in automatic message forwarding systems to hold the licensee of the station originating a message and the licensee of the first forwarding station primarily accountable for the content of the communications. Because message screening is difficult with these high speed, digital technology, automated systems and screening at each station in these systems diminishes the advantage of high speed data transfer, FCC proposed licensees of stations that only retransmit messages within a high speed message forwarding system would not be held accountable for communications they forward or their stations retransmit unwittingly. This is a breaking story, so text of the actual notice of proposed Rule Making, NPRM FCC 93-153, is not yet available. As of press time the comments deadline is not yet known.

Odds & Ends

Jim (WB4ZMK), Derek (G4JKE), and Steve (KD6ZZ) enjoyed a spaghetti dinner at Steve's QTH in Key West on February 20th. David (W8UJR) and friend Vaughn arrived on February 22nd for a few days of shopping and sightseeing. Harry (W9HRQ) and friend Jay arrived in the paradise city from Wisconsin on March 4th and spent a few days exploring the island. We almost had enough LARC members in town at the time to hold a convention, or at least a mini-hamfest!

Chapter News

Pacific Northwest Chapter News: Members were scheduled to meet at the Mike and Key Club's annual Electronics show and Flea Market on March 6 in Puyallup, WA., according to chapter coordinator Bill (N7MNT).

Gateway Chapter News: The Chapter is in the process of formally affiliating with LARC.

Fingerlakes Chapter: The following letter from Fingerlakes Chapter/ LARC President Dave Minchella (KE2GE)

addressed to LARC President Jim (KK3K) and dated March 1, 1993 was recently received:

"Dear Jim,

"As you well know, the methods decided upon to fight the American Radio Relay League's discrimination against LARC have been controversial. The decision, however, of the Golden Gate Chapter to abandon LARC entirely for the ARRL was met with dismay during the Third Anniversary meeting of the Fingerlakes Lambda Amateur Radio Club. The reasoning behind their decision was only to be guessed at, and not successfully at that. While it may be hoped that in the future the management of the Golden Gate Chapter may come back to the fold, it has ever been the status of LARC to look ahead. We decry the loss of our brothers but it is the position of the Fingerlakes Lambda Amateur Radio Club that LARC has a good, productive, year and has a strong future ahead of it.

"You mentioned in your letter that you have been buoyed in the recent months by the support of the Fingerlakes Chapter. We're proud of that. It was also realized that with the defection of the Golden Gate Chapter our group is now the largest and most active Chapter in LARC. This is a distinction that we take on proudly! We hope to continue to be a source of support for the entire International organization.

"During our Third Anniversary meeting, the membership voted to partially express this support via a monetary contribution to LARC's efforts to fight the ARRL discrimination. Enclosed please find a check for \$25.00 which we ask that you donate to the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund in the name of LARC. The Chapter remains active in other ways as well. We continue with various areas such as a club construction project and discussions for Fingerlakes LARC to run its own Field Day this summer, Charlie is working on his Technician license and, of course, Monica recently has been licensed as N2TFJ.

"Fingerlakes LARC is characterized by a small, quality group of people who are not only held together by radio and the common bond of a beleaguered minority but by other interests and a true concern for each other as friends. During any of our meetings (which are never as long as they need to be ... We've nearly closed a couple of restaurants) you can hear conversations ranging from technical

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radio topics to Star Trek to concern over someone's latest job problem. Liberally sprinkled through it all are comments and laughter that can only come from a group of true friends. This is the strength of Fingerlakes LARC and it is the strength of LARC as an international organization; one that we are very proud to be a part of.

"The year ahead will doubtless be one of challenges. Fingerlakes LARC will be proud to stand beside you to face them."

73, Dave Minchella, KE2GE

The Fingerlakes Chapter of Lambda Amateur Radio Club International

LARC President Jim (KK3K) forwarded the \$25.00 check to Lambda Legal attorney Suzanne B. Goldberg, Esq. with the following comments: "Dear Suzanne, I am pleased to enclose a postal money order payable to LLDEF in the amount of \$25.00 which is a donation from LARC's Fingerlakes Chapter located in Western New York. The membership of the Fingerlakes Chapter, under the leadership of Chapter President Dave Minchella, KE2GE, intended this donation to be tangible evidence of their support for LARC's determination to end the discrimination directed at us by the American Radio Relay League as well as an expression of support and thanks to Lambda Legal. I am delighted to be able to forward this donation to you as evidence of the exemplary character of the men and women in our organization, of whom I am most proud. Sincerely, Jim Kelly, KK3K, President, LARC."

Hollywood Chapter News: The Winter meeting of the Hollywood Chapter was held at the QTH of Paul (KK6JD). The meeting started at 4PM. Eric (N6ZSU) is doing better now; bored but better. The subject of a regular meeting place was discussed. Paul (KK6JD) will look into using a room at one of the public buildings at Plummers Park in West Hollywood. Larry (KC6NVL) will check with the Gay and Lesbian Service Center to see what they have available. Don (WB6LYT) brought up the subject of finding new members. After a group discussion we decided to spend money in the local gay newspapers for a couple months. Mentioned specifically were Edge, Frontiers, and The Orange County Blade. The subject of elections was raised. The constitution required the election of a new Vice President and Treasurer. Additionally a new Secretary needed to be selected. Judy Combs (KC6CUC) was nominated to remain VP.

Additionally, Judy was nominated as Treasurer. Paul Hulse (KK6JD) was nominated as Secretary. Don Bledsoe (WB6LYT) was nominated as Program Chairman. The nominations were accepted, and the officers elected by acclamation. The group decided to resume monthly meetings on the THIRD Sunday of the month. It was decided to change Sundays to help attract more members. The schedule of meetings for the rest of 1993 is: March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 21, December 19. The meetings will be at 4PM. The next meeting, April 18, will be at Judy Combs QTH. 718 Onarga Ave, LA. (Highland Park). Dues were discussed and collected. For those who wish to remain members of the International and get Lambda Net News, send your \$15 to the national or give it to our Treasurer, Judy. Excerpts of the Hollywood Chapter Un-Named Newsletter courtesy the Hollywood Chapter and newsletter editor Paul (KK6JD).

In Praise Of Friendly CW Ops

Guest Commentary by Colin (N3LCU, Philadelphia, PA.)

I upgraded to general recently, but by choice my HF activity is still pretty much limited to cw contacts. CW is a grand adventure to me; there's a real thrill in communicating with low power in an "old fashioned" way. My copying speed is not high...I can manage about 15 or 16 wpm... but it's fast enough to now have real conversations. I've noticed that there are a lot of CW ops out there who are willing to chat with me, even though they would normally be talking at a much faster speed. This was true even when I was a novice CW op. Then, at least a third of my contacts were with guys who had been around for a long time, but who were operating in the novice band to encourage and help newcomers. What a pleasant surprise to find out that this is also true in the general cw bands! I've had a lot of great, lengthy ragchews with old timers who graciously slowed down for me. And our QSOs haven't just been about rigs and weather. We've talked about work, history, philosophy, scenic places, eastern religions, and the peace movement. CW may be slower than phone (at least at my present speed), but it sure isn't dull. Obviously CW is harder than phone, because it takes some time to build up speed. But thanks to all the friendly CW ops out there, I'm building my speed and having a ball while I'm doing. Hats off to the "old fashioned" hams.

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LARC Mystery Satellite DXpedition Starts March 8th

A seven member team consisting of LARC members Don (WB6LYD); Philip (WD4IJV); Nick (KA1MQX); Jim (KK3K); Mark (KC3XC); Philip's life partner Ernest; and Mark's life partner Ted; will depart via air on March 8, 1993 for a mystery DXpedition location. The LARC satellite DXpedition team will conduct a satellite only operation which will activate a DXCC country which has never before been activated via any amateur satellite. The LARC team will operate via OSCAR 13 for a period of six days from the mystery location. Oscar 13 footprint projections for the period March 9-14 indicate that the team can expect to make contacts throughout North America, Eastern and Western Europe, South America, Africa, all of European Russia, Japan, most of Asiatic Russia, and even half of China from their DX location. Amateur satellite DX enthusiasts have been alerted to listen for the LARC team on OSCAR 13 beginning on March 9. The team will operate when the satellite transponder is in Mode B (70cm uplink and 2m downlink). If you have an all mode 2 meter receiver and can point a gain antenna at OSCAR 13, you will be able to hear LARC operators working pileups during the DXpedition at or around a downlink frequency of 145.890 Mhz when the satellite is in Mode B. LARC members living in major metropolitan areas should contact local radio clubs who may have members with OSCAR 13 capability who would be willing to allow use of their station to contact the LARC DXpedition.

DXpedition station equipment will include a Yaesu FT-736R all mode 2m/70cm transceiver; a Jaybeam 2m/70cm dual band, single boom antenna; an Astron 35 amp power supply specially wired for 230V service; an ARR 2m high gain 2m preamp; two Heil boomsets; two 50 foot lengths of Flexi 9913 cable; and other assorted accessories, spare parts and tools. When they're not on the air, the LARC DXpedition team will be able to relax and enjoy their stay at their very desirable secret DX destination. Look for a full report on the 1993 LARC Mystery DXpedition in an upcoming issue of the Lambda Net News.

LARC V. ARRL Coverage in W5YI Report Continues

The W5YI Report, Volume 15, Issue #3 dated February 1, 1993 included a report on the status of the LARC v. ARRL discrimination claim. Excerpts from the February issue of the Lambda Net News relative to the status of LARC's discrimination claim filed against the ARRL in March of 1992 were included in the W5YI Report coverage. LARC President Jim (KK3K) also received a telephone inquiry from Hap Holly (KC9RP) of the RAIN (Radio Amateur Information Network) relative to the status of LARC's claim.

Finger Lakes Chapter Sponsors Club Construction Project

The Finger Lakes Chapter of LARC, a formally affiliated LARC chapter, will soon sponsor a club construction project. According to Chapter President Dave Minchella (KE2GE): "We are going to try a club project...I suggested a receiver project, and several people were very

excited about the idea...I am considering a direct-conversion type receiver". Dave recently home-brewed an 80 meter receiver powered by a nine volt battery. Dave promises an article about the project for an upcoming issue of the LNN.

LARC Renewals Top 100

Over 100 members have renewed their LARC memberships for 1993. Thanks to all of those who have renewed for one or more years. Special thanks to the following members who made an additional contribution: WA3NGD; KC3XC.

LARC Hotline Utilizes Lesbigo Owned Long Distance Company

LARC hotline outgoing long distance service has been placed with Community Spirit, a long distance telephone service company that is "lesbigo" owned. According to their promotional material: "Community Spirit is the nation's only long distance telephone service designed to save you up to 25% off your long distance phone bill and to donate money to any not-for-profit charitable organization critical to the lesbian, gay and bisexual community. Community Spirit is lesbigo owned and operated". Community Spirit is associated with Overlooked Opinions, a sexual minorities public opinion firm. Community Spirit will donate two percent of your long distance phone charges to the community organizations of your choice. That means that LARC members should be able to specify LARC as the recipient community organization and thereby help LARC. According to a spokesman at Community Spirit, they are leasing long distance lines

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President, LARC

This morning on national TV a respected newscaster and political analyst said that the mistake that President Clinton made on the gays in the military issue was that he did not first attempt to educate the American people. He may be right. Perhaps the president should have gone on national TV in prime time to deliver a speech explaining exactly why he believes that the ban is unjust, and then immediately signed an executive order. But that's not what happened. Now we must deal with the reality that the executive order was delayed and may never be signed! The ban has not been and may never be fully lifted.

President Clinton felt he had to back off his commitment to us for the time being under pressure from notoriously homophobic Georgia Senator Sam Nunn. Nunn will hold hearings on the issue soon. In the meantime all sorts of trial balloons are being floated by various players including Clinton Secretary of Defense Les Aspin: proposals to segregate gays and lesbians within the military; to exclude us from sea duty, combat, close quarters; and even house us in separate barracks! These proposals are totally unacceptable; they are poison! We must not agree to any continued discrimination based on sexual orientation, period. Last month I urged you to send a telegram to the president and to contact your US senators and representative. It's not too late to do this, in fact, the gay and lesbian community must mobilize during the next few months to oppose those who will argue forcefully against us when congressional hearings are held in March. Letters to your senators can be addressed as follows: "The Honorable (senator's name), US Senate, Washington, DC 20510. Letters to your US representative can be addressed: "The Honorable (representative's name), US House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515. You can telephone the White House at (202) 456-1111. The Capitol Hill switchboard number is (202) 224-3121. General Colin Powell's phone number is (703) 697-5737. Powell, a man of color, opposes lifting the ban even though some of the same arguments used against gays and lesbians were used against people of color some 45 years ago! You can write to General Colin Powell, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense - Public Affairs, Room 2E 777, The Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301. We've got to write and call these individuals because the right wing has already mobilized in opposition to us. They're already flooding senators and representatives with phone calls and letters. The tide has turned against the right wing on the abortion issue, but they sense that they can win this battle against us. We can't let this happen! Here's the letter that Dan and I wrote to our senators and representatives: "We are writing to ask you too support lifting the ban against gays and lesbians serving in the US military. This ban violates the constitutional rights of lesbians and gay men. A recent ruling by a federal district judge confirms this. Over four decades ago, another courageous president, President Truman, issued an executive order banning discrimination in the US military directed against black Americans. The very same arguments used then to resist the integration of blacks in the military are being used again today to oppose gays and lesbians in the military. These arguments were wrong then and they're wrong now. Gays and lesbians have served and continue to serve with honor in our military. Many have given their lives in defense of freedom in the past. Those who have served and those who died did so protecting the freedoms of all Americans, including gay and lesbian Americans. Therefore, there is no justice in continuing the ban and thereby denying basic freedoms to gay and lesbian Americans. Our own people, gays and lesbians, have always been willing to make the ultimate sacrifice to defend the American way of life. They have earned the right for lesbians and gays to serve in the military with their blood. To deny this right now is to show disrespect for the many gays and lesbians who have served with distinction and died for our country. President Clinton has pledged to end this discrimination against gays and lesbians. Senator D'Amato, a Republican Senator from New York, supports and end to the ban because it is a matter of basic human rights. We urge you to stand with your colleague Senator D'Amato and support an end to the ban and thereby help guarantee basic human rights to all Americans regardless of sexual orientation." de KK3K

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Would like to meet ham (or aspiring ham) for friendship and possible relationship.

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(Leave message on machine if I'm out.)

I would like to share my home and expense with a compatible ham.

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Chapter News

The Hollywood Chapter Un-Named! Newsletter Winter, 1993 edition included a survey designed to get feedback from the membership having to do with the topic of attendance at chapter meetings. The chapter met for business on February 7. Future business meetings are slated for May 9th, August 8th, and November 14th. Additional possible social and public service activities have been discussed. Chapter member Janet Munday upgraded to Extra and received her new call AB6MP. Congratulations Janet!

Chapter member Art Bretz, KC6TAD, passed on in December from complications of AIDS. Art had been a member of the Hollywood Chapter for 2 years. Art lived in San Francisco for many years before moving to Los Angeles. In San Francisco he was a bartender at Pheobies bar. He was a jovial, handsome, and virile person. Art always had something kind to say to people he met. Art was interested in computing, graphics, and he loved to cook. He was active on the Delphi and Compuserve Computer Networks. He was on packet radio using his Tandy Laptop. He was also active on 2 meters, 440 and 10 meters. Art always contributed to the Hollywood Chapter meetings. It was Art's idea to devise an Emergency Radio Plan to serve the gay community in the event of an earthquake or other natural disaster. Art was one of the longest surviving PWA's in Los Angeles. He had been the subject of many studies at the UCLA Medical Center. He will be missed.

Chapter member Eric Levinson, N6ZSU, recently had major surgery and is now recovering well. Eric says that he is absolutely bored stiff and would love to hear from everyone! Apparently he has watched enough TV he plans to get on "The Price Is Right" when he gets better - he said he has that show down cold. If you'd like to call Eric he'd love hearing from you. 818-954-0000. Thanks to the

Hollywood Chapter Un-Named! Newsletter edited by Paul (KK6JD) for this information.

The Finger Lakes Chapter met on January 22, 1993. Election of chapter officers was held. Paper ballots were tallied by Buddah (N2IOA) who announced the voting results. Re-elected to one year terms were: Dave (KE2GE), Chapter President; Jim (N2IMS), Treasurer/Librarian; and Irv (AF2K) Secretary. Dave (KE2GE) reported on the new computer data base, and that he can now generate, among other things, new mailing labels which include information such as Chapter membership expiration date. He reported that the chapter now has ten paid-up members. Dave also indicated that it has been requested that LARC be represented at the local "Out & About" Group Picnic, to take place at Mendon Ponds Park on Sunday May 23rd. That is also the same weekend as the Rochester Hamfest. Dave indicated he will be discussing the possibility of a joint outing with the O&A group, and also the possibility of the Finger Lakes Chapter organizing an activity. The next chapter meeting was slated for Sunday, February 21st, the third anniversary chapter brunch. Thanks to the FLC official minutes, Irv (AF2K) FLC Secretary for this information.

The new North Coast Chapter (Cleveland OH metropolitan area) had its first official gathering Friday night, February 5th. According to Bob (KA8UHL) "We had dinner at Snicker's, a local gay restaurant just down the street from me. Brian (N8VTA) was there with his lover Doug, and Ray (N8KBF) with friend Rich. My other half, David, had to study but I think he was afraid we'd talk too much about radio and bore him. It was a fun evening. The next night Brian (N8VTA) and I joined local hams for an all-night public service event: the 1993 Ohio Winter Rally. It's an auto time/speed/distance rally over 225 miles throughout NE Ohio (between Cleveland, Youngstown, the PA border and Ashtabula). We were posted in two remote "corn field" locations until 5 AM passing traffic. I've done it many years now. It's a wacky event." Thanks to Bob (KA8UHL) for this information on North Coast Chapter activities.

Member Correspondence

Dale (WA0CFQ) moved into his new house in early February. On February 14,

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Dale checked into the LARC HF nets using a rotatable dipole. Dale plans to install his Butternut vertical and triband beam as soon as he can.

Howard's (W9BVD) father died recently so Howard and Bob drove to Illinois for the funeral. Howard and Bob are still in the process of relocating to Valrico, Florida. Condolences to Howard and Bob from everyone in LARC.

Tom (KI4ZN) reports that LARC member Robert Pacatelli now has his new callsign. According to Tom: "Robert has his new call which is KD4WOW. He will take the General Theory exam next Saturday and Jason, his live in, will take tech at same time. Tom (KI4ZN) also reports on the plans of Florida LARCers to get to Dayton: "We are exploring possible of renting a minivan or two for the following Dayton attendees: Robert, Jason, Howard (W9BVD), Bob, Me, Dick, Derek(G4JKE/W4 from Key West), Gene(nice hunk who works with Robert and is awaiting his call letters after passing the tech exam). Jim Hamilton (WB4ZMK) will fly up. I haven't contacted Steve (N4YZA) over in Sebastian Inlet, he may want to come also.

New Design For Oscar 13 Replacement Approved

AMSAT-NA Vice President for Engineering Dick Jansson (WD4FAB) recently announced a major milestone in the Phase 3D project. Phase 3D is the name given to the project to design and launch the next high elliptical orbiting satellite carrying amateur radio. Current high elliptical orbiting satellites are OSCAR 10, which is damaged and operates intermittently, and OSCAR 13, which is extremely reliable but is expected to burn-up upon re-entry in 1996, thus leaving amateur radio satellite enthusiasts with no reliable high elliptical orbiting bird. Phase 3D, known as the "Falcon" spacecraft, is set for launch at about the same time OSCAR 13 is due to re-enter. As was stated in November, 1992, the European Space Agency (ESA) which owns the P3D launch vehicle informed AMSAT at a meeting in Europe, that it would not provide the interface which Phase 3D had been designed around over the past two years. This involved a conical section tapering from approximately 1920 millimeters (about 6.3 feet) to approximately 1200 millimeters (about 4 feet) in diameter. This conical section was to be the central structural core of the Phase 3D satellite. What ESA offered instead was a cylindrical section 2624 millimeters (8.6 feet) in diameter and 750 millimeters (approximately 2.5 feet) high, coupled with a 830 millimeter (approximately 32 inch) high conical section, which tapers to 1200 millimeters. This led WD4FAB to conduct an exhaustive series of design studies, including all-important thermal

considerations. These pointed to a completely new design concept for Phase 3D, one employing a much smaller spacecraft carried inside the adaptor section and separating from it following its detachment from the Ariane launch vehicle, rather than using it as a central structural core. It was not known, however, if ESA would support such a concept. But, on January 27, 1993 the answer came. In a meeting between AMSAT-DL's Dr. Karl Meinzer (DJ4ZC) and ESA officials, an agreement was reached on the use of the separable configuration. This means that detailed design of the structural and thermal aspects of the satellite can commence in earnest. Dick (WD4FAB) is working full-time on the task and expects to have it completed by August. This new design concept offers several advantages compared to the previous one. First: AMSAT is responsible for the design of only the cylinder and its bolt circles and this is considerably simpler than the conical structure that we had to design under the old concept. Second: ESA will be responsible for the conical portion of the adaptor section and the separation hardware between the cylindrical portion and the Ariane 5 vehicle. Third: A new 2300 millimeter (9 foot) diameter by 700 millimeter (27.5 inch) high Phase 3D spacecraft will reside inside the adaptor section. This makes for a significantly lighter satellite than under the previous concept in which the old conical adaptor section formed a part of the spacecraft's structure. This means that much less propellant will be required to get into the final orbit. With the new design approach, P3D is estimated to weigh only about 430 kilograms (about 950 pounds) including propellant as opposed to nearly 600 kilograms (over 1300 pounds) previously. It should be emphasized that this smaller spacecraft will be just as capable as the old one, in so far as providing amateur communications and supporting various other experiments. It is currently estimated, however, that the solar arrays will produce somewhat less power, about 730 watts compared with 870 watts for the old configuration. Fourth: The antennas, the rocket nozzle, and in fact any other structural elements can protrude up to 400 millimeters into the conical section. This provides much more design latitude than under the previous approach. As the program picks up momentum the need for funds grows apace. We invite all to carefully read AMSAT President Bill Tynan's column in the new issue of the AMSAT Journal regarding fund raising and the need for every amateur, especially satellite enthusiasts, to make a five year commitment to the P3D program. Thanks to the AMSAT News Service for most of the information in this article.

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Connecticut Official: "LARC's Claim Is Not Moot"

While the ARRL has stated that they feel LARC's discrimination claim filed against them is moot because they have agreed to run LARC's classified advertisement, Ms. Femi Bogle-Assegai, B.ed(Hons)MBA, the Connecticut State Commission On Human Rights & Opportunities investigator assigned to the LARC v. ARRL case, recently told LARC President Jim Kelly (KK3K) that LARC's case is not moot. According to Jim (KK3K): "At the case interview I attended on December 9, 1992 in Hartford, CT with our attorneys, Ms. Bogle Assegai told us that LARC's claim is not moot because there has been no movement on the part of the ARRL to agree to any of the remedies that we have suggested to insure an end to the discrimination directed at us and help repair the damage done to our club and its members during the past seven years that we have been denied access to QST." Also, according to Jim (KK3K): "During the course of the interview, Ms. Bogle Assegai also told us that, based on the facts, she was prepared to issue a decision in LARC's favor." Ms. Bogle Assegai also asked Jim (KK3K) to outline the remedies that he felt were appropriate. Jim explained, "The ARRL's refusal to allow LARC to advertise in QST since 1985 had four major effects on LARC and its members: 1. It has stunted the growth of LARC as an amateur radio club; 2. It has forced the LARC leadership to redirect their energies into dealing with ARRL discrimination rather than building our club; 3. It has cost LARC hundreds of dollars in expenses;

and 4. It has been personally stressful and frustrating to a number of LARC members." In view of the pernicious and long term nature of ARRL discrimination against LARC, Jim (KK3K) suggested a number of possible remedies including "an agreement by the ARRL to run LARC's ad without undue restrictions as to size or content; and the publication of a non-discriminatory statement including sexual orientation in QST." Jim (KK3K) also suggested an additional remedy: "The ARRL could help LARC build up its membership and repair some of the damage done to us by agreeing to cover our club in QST in the 'Up Front' photo and caption section or in the 'Club Profile' section." Jim (KK3K) concluded: "We'd like to see the ARRL recognize that they have an obligation to repair the damage done to us, to insure that discrimination against us or anyone else is not repeated, and to acknowledge that gay and lesbian hams are covered by the ARRL motto: 'Of, by and for the radio amateur'."

LARC Executive Committee Expanded

The LARC Executive Committee has been expanded with the addition of a fifth member, the editor of the LARC newsletter, a volunteer to be appointed by the president with the approval of the other members of the Executive Committee. This position will be filled by current newsletter editor Don (WB6LYI) for the 1993-4 term. This organizational change is being implemented by the Executive Committee pending a revision of the LARC By-Laws later this year at

Printed Circuit Boards for a 12V, 15-A Power Supply

by Tom Hendrix (KI4ZN, Winter Springs, FL)

In the November issue of QST on page 36 there is an article for a well designed 12 volt 15 ampere power supply. A number of the features are optional such as current limiting and the use of a crowbar to limit voltage in case of regulator failure. The design can be easily modified for higher current.

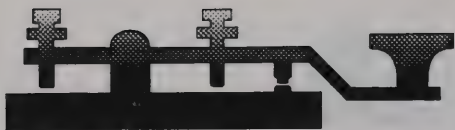
At my request, Robert Pacetelli, also a member of LARC and who works in the printed circuit field, has produced about 60 printed circuit boards containing control circuitry, meter calibration, voltage regulator, etc. These are excellent mil-spec type fiber glass boards with circuit overlay for ease in inserting components.

Until the supply is exhausted, we will ship you a board for a donation of \$1.00 to the Lambda Amateur Radio Club. Postage is not included, but should not exceed fifty or sixty cents. For those who do not have the article available, I will photocopy the 7 pages for you for an additional \$1.00 donation. Any funds above expense will be deposited in the LARC treasury.

Make your check payable to Lambda Amateur Radio Club and mail to LARC, c/o Tom Hendrix (KI4ZN), 270 E. Bahama Road, Winter Springs, FL 32708.

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President's Key

by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)
President, LARC

As I write this, opposition is mounting to President Clinton's determination to live up to his campaign pledge to lift the ban on lesbians and gays serving in the military. The outcome is unclear at this point. Will the president be able to lift the ban, or will the neanderthals in the military and the bigots in congress like Senator Sam Nunn prevail and the ban remain intact? Yesterday, I called Western Union and sent a telegram to President Clinton on behalf of my lover Dan and myself. This was the first time I've ever sent a personal message to the president. Western Union has a toll free number in my area that you can call to send a telegram. When you tell them you want to send it to the president, they are very accommodating. The operator told me she had a "special form" for use in sending a telegram to the White House. The cost of the telegram is added to your phone bill; the telegram is delivered in one or two hours; and Western Union will even send you a copy of the telegram for an additional fee. Here's the text of my telegram to President Clinton: "We urge you to immediately lift the ban on gays and lesbians serving in the military. The military must remain under civilian control. Justice demands an end to this discrimination. Your firm moral leadership and courage while living up to your pledge to end this ban will assure your place in history as a great president." I also called my U.S. senators to go on record in support of the president on this issue.

You can be sure the religious fundamentalists and the right-wingers are urging their people to telephone their senators and representatives to oppose President Clinton and the lifting of the ban. We could loose this battle. If we do loose this battle, it will be a tremendous setback for the gay and lesbian rights movement. Even if you've never contacted your senators, representatives or the president before, do it now. It's not too late because this battle will probably last for a period of months to come. Please pick up the phone and send a telegram to the president. He is trying to help but he needs your support at this time. Then call your senators and representatives. They keep track of how many calls they receive on either side of an issue. We need to weigh-in to offset the calls from the religious drones and right-wing bigots. We've got a courageous president who is going to bat for us. We've got to stand up and be counted now or risk loosing a battle we could have won. Call now; don't delay! de KK3K

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which time it will be proposed as a permanent amendment.

N6ZSU Hospitalized

LARC Hollywood Chapter Treasurer and former LARC Vice Presidential Candidate Eric Levinson (N6ZSU) has been hospitalized for kidney transplant surgery in Los Angeles. Eric had hoped to postpone surgery until after his return from the LARC satellite DXpedition set for March, however this was not possible.

Art Bretz, KC6TAD

LARC Hollywood Chapter member Art Bretz (KC6TAD) died of AIDS complications late last year. Condolences to Art's family, friends and to all of the people who will miss Art.

LARC Operating Awards Program To End

The LARC Executive Committee has voted to terminate the "Worked LARC Members" Award Program on February 28, 1993. Participants have until February

28, 1993 to submit applications for awards or endorsements to the program coordinator Tom (KI4ZN). While the awards program was designed to encourage club members and other interested amateurs to work other LARC members using different modes, it did not enjoy a sufficient level of participation to justify its continuation. LARC officers would welcome ideas and suggestions from the membership for alternative programs designed to encourage operating activity.

LARC Membership Renewal Drive Update

Thanks to all of those who have sent in their 1993 membership renewals to date. Special thanks also to those who have renewed for more than one year. So far, 85 LARC members have renewed for one or more years! LARC officers would like to acknowledge and thank the following members who made a generous contribution in addition to their dues:

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Popularity Of Ham Radio Is At An All Time High

Emphasizing that nearly 90,000 new hams have been licensed since 1990, the ARRL has formulated the following suggested news release for local newspapers: "Newington, Conn., Dec. 12, 1992 — Ham radio is one of America's fastest-growing hobbies, according to the American Radio Relay League (ARRL). Since 1990, the number of Amateur Radio operators in the U.S. increased from 493,000 to more than 580,000 individuals. Steve Mansfield, public information manager for the ARRL, attributes the growth to heightened awareness of ham radio and the new code-free Technician Class license requirements that the FCC introduced in February, 1991. "Many people wanted Amateur Radio licenses had been intimidated by the prospect of learning Morse Code, which was required for the previous tests," Mansfield says. "Now all it takes for a person to get on the air is passing a 55-question examination. The test covers ham radio operating rules and privileges, safety procedures and some basic information about radio communications." Although the vast majority of new hams are code-free Technicians, Mansfield says that an unexpectedly large number of those people are learning Morse Code in order to progress to higher class licenses. Amateur Radio was in the national spotlight throughout 1992. Three separate NASA Space Shuttle missions carried SAREX — the Shuttle Amateur Radio Experiment — as a secondary payload. SAREX features astronauts using ham radio to talk to students around the world. During the STS-47 SAREX mission, Amateur Radio actually filled the gaps when a 25-minute communications blackout occurred between the shuttle crew and mission control in Houston. When Hurricane Andrew devastated southern Florida and Hurricane Iniki hit the Hawaiian island of Kauai, thousands of hams throughout the country pitched in to relay health and welfare messages for friends, relatives and loved ones affected by the disasters. The Hurricane Andrew effort was so effective that it drew praise from Florida Governor Lawton Chiles. "Scores of Amateur Radio operators rallied to South Florida from across the United States, providing desperately

needed communications to local, state and federal agencies," Gov. Chiles said. "The Amateur Radio service can be proud of its members, who time and time again serve the country unselfishly. The state of Florida owes them a debt of gratitude and thanks." HAM radio is attracting people of all ages and economic levels. New licensees include senior citizens, teenagers and computer enthusiasts. "There are no age barriers to this activity," Mansfield adds. "Amateur Radio has something to offer just about anyone." Mansfield expects Amateur Radio to remain in the national spotlight in 1993. Three more SAREX space shuttle missions will take place during the first half of the year. In addition, ARRL will host a variety of other exciting special events such as "Field Day" and the "Simulated Emergency Test" to keep ham radio in the news. Thanks to Bill (WA3SCW), ARRL MDC Public Information Coordinator, for this information.

Next OSCAR Satellite Launch Slated For April

A new OSCAR satellite known as ARSENE will be launched in April of 1993. The French amateur radio satellite organization known as "The Radio Amateur Club de l'Espace" (RACE) recently sponsored a conference to discuss in detail the first OSCAR satellite scheduled to fly in '93. The conference was held in Toulouse, France on 12-DEC-92 and was attended by over 80 interested amateurs representing many diverse areas of amateur radio. RACE President, Jean Grau (F8ZS), was present to show off the new ARSENE "logo" which, incidentally, was designed by Marc De Filippis (F6EZH) whose talent is well known by the amateur community because he is the creator of the MICROSAT's logo which was chosen by AMSAT-NA. The ARSENE logo is a very original representation of the satellite in outstanding colors criss-crossed by a signature and surrounded by three names. These names summarize the different individuals and organizations that were involved in the ARSENE project over the past 10 years. F8ZS mentioned some very important preliminary details which all radio amateurs should know when planning to work ARSENE. At the present time the planned launch date for ARSENE is scheduled for 20-APRIL-93 and will fly aboard an ARIANE-4 rocket launcher along with a geostationary

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television satellite known as ASTRA-1C. Right after launch there will be two stations in place at La Reunion Island prepared to copy telemetry from ARSENE immediately after it separates from the rocket booster. These two stations will gather telemetry and send it Toulouse, France where the ARSENE satellite ground control station (FF1STA) will begin to analyze the satellite's condition during these first critical hours of its life. For those who would like to collect and analyze the telemetry yourself, you can copy the telemetry on the 2M downlink frequency of 145.975 Mhz using a packet radio TNC. On the fourth orbit, ARSENE's "apogee-kick-motor" will be fired in order to place it into the proper orbit. The final orbit will have an apogee of 36,000 KM, a perigee of 20,000 KM, an orbital inclination of zero degrees, and an orbital period of 17 and one-half hours! This orbit will allow stations located between latitudes of 60 degrees north and south to see and use ARSENE for at least 50% of its period! The following are the ARSENE's transponder frequencies:

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| UPLINK FREQ. #1: | 435.050 Mhz | |
| UPLINK FREQ. #2: | 435.100 Mhz | — |
| UPLINK FREQ. #3: | 435.150 Mhz | Mode S |
| DOWNLINK FREQ. #1: | 145.975 Mhz | Combination |
| DOWNLINK FREQ. #2: | 2446.500 Mhz | (CW/SSB) |

Arsene will be a packet radio "relay" satellite. It will not have a bulletin board system capability. All three uplink link frequencies will only accept AX.25 1200 baud FSK packet. However, when ARSENE is in Mode S, one can transmit on 435.100 Mhz and listen to their downlink on 2446.500 Mhz. During Mode S, one can use this "analog" transponder for CW or SSB. The downlink passband on Mode S is 16 KHz wide. During the next three months there will be many bulletins that will be forthcoming from the RACE of France to help further explain the various operational aspects of ARSENE. Also, while the ARSENE launch team is in Kourou, French Guiana preparing for launch, there will be daily HF nets from there to help share information about ARSENE to the radio amateur world. On launch day, there will be a "launch-net" to help keep amateurs around the world informed on the progress of ARSENE, especially in the first critical orbits. Please stay tuned to AMSAT Nets and AMSAT News Service (ANS) bulletins for more information about ARSENE and the launch day activities. Thanks to the AMSAT News Service and Bernard (F6BVP) for the information which went into this article.

Member Correspondence

From North East PA. member Hank (KA3WAM): "We have a local talk show host on the Erie (PA) radio station WLKK who has tried to promote a better understanding of the misconceptions and fears that some people have of homosexuality, or whatever. He really challenges some of the

remarks and ideas that some people present. Many times I will call or send literature to him at the radio station, to cause other listeners to evaluate for themselves why this should be considered more severely as a social problem than drugs and guns among our young...At least today they are talking about it openly". Way to go, Hank! Keep up the good work. Each of us can do something to work for more tolerance and understanding.

Bob (WB6YYZ) is back on the air from his new QTH in NE Pennsylvania.

LARC vice president Howard (W9BVD) and Bob have now relocated to Florida. Howard checked into the 15:00 Z LARC net on Sunday, January 10 from Tom's (KI4ZN) QTH. Since Howard and Bob will not immediately move into their new home in Valrico, it will be a few months before Howard will be back on the air from his new home QTH.

Bill (N7MNT) checked into the LARC nets on January 10 while mobile in San Francisco.

From Roy (N5KLC): "Lambda Net News readers that own satellite dishes will probably be interested to know that a new gay radio station has been broadcasting for about a month now from Denver, CO. The mailing address is KGAY Radio, P.O. Box 9383, Denver, CO 80209." According to Roy, the phone number is 1-800-733-5429. Roy is fairly certain that program schedules are available upon request by dialing the station. Ray writes: "dish owners can find it on G-5, transponder 6 at 6.31/6.48 Mhz...Daily, sometimes hourly reports are given on the Colorado boycott, and much information on the Amendment 2 situation. Of course, much gay news is covered from all over the world. They are really doing a terrific job."

Welcome New Members

Welcome aboard to the following new members of LARC: Suzanne Sylvester (N6PXJ), Alameda, CA; Raymond Blackford (WA2ZYE), Edison, NJ; James Chaffee (N1LCX), Wakefield, RI; and David Brooks (N7HTK), Belfair, WA.

Chapter News

The Finger Lakes Chapter, listing seven active members, has formally affiliated with LARC for 1993. The Chapter serves Central and Western New York State; dues are \$5.00 per year; and meetings are held on the third Friday of the month.

LARC members in Northern Ohio are in the process of forming a LARC Chapter, according to Ray (N8KBF). The name of the chapter will be the North Coast Chapter of LARC. The chapter will serve LARC members in the North Coast area of Northern Ohio including the Cleveland metropolitan area.

The former Golden Gate Chapter has informed LARC that their organization will not affiliate with LARC this year. They plan to vote on removing the word "Chapter" from their name in April.

Womens' View Sought

With the large of women who have joined LARC in the past and a significant number in recent months, I believe it is time for an ongoing column about activities and issues relating to our women members. The Lambda Net News is currently seeking a lady member to act as a focal point for our ladies and to report on topics they want to discuss. Interested? Drop a note today to the NEWS address on page 2.

Study Materials Sought

The LARC Lending Library is in need of new Technician study materials to lend to members who want to get the new license.

So, if you have study materials you'd like to donate to the LARC Lending Library, just pack them up and mail them to the club post office box. We'll see that they get put to good use!

Dayton Hamvention 1993 Room Reservation

Complete and return your reservation by **February 15, 1993** to:
Howard Wyman — W9BVD
428 Summit Chase Drive, Valrico, FL 33594-3838 U.S.A.

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| Name | | Callsign |
| Address | | Phone |
| City | State | Postal Code or Zip |
| Province | | Country |

Please reserve _____ (number of people in your party) spots for me / us for Hamvention 1993 at the LARC Headquarters hotel. LARC Hamvention accommodations for 1993 will be at the Econo-Lodge, 2241 Wagoner Ford Road, the same as last year. Rooms with three (3) persons per room should cost approximately \$60.00 per night.

DEPOSIT REQUIRED is \$30.00 per person.
Make all checks payable to: Lambda Amateur Radio Club

We will need a room for the following nights (circle **ALL** nights you desire rooms):

Thursday night
April 22

Friday night
April 23

Saturday night
April 24

Sunday night
April 25

I wish to share a room with the following LARC members if possible:

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Check one: ☐ Smoker ☐ Non-Smoker

The LARC Annual Banquet will be held on Saturday, April 24. A limited choice menu will be offered with entree prices in the \$10 to \$15 range. Drinks and a 20% gratuity are extra. Please indicate below your plans for the banquet.

Check one: ☐ **YES ...** I plan to attend the LARC Banquet
☐ **NO ...** I will NOT be attending the LARC Banquet

NOTE: We will do our best to secure room reservations for all members who send in their reservations and deposits on time. We will also do our best to honor all requests for specific roommate assignments. However, we cannot guarantee either room space or guarantee particular assignments to anyone.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- March 8-15, 1993 "LARC Mystery OSCAR-13 DXpedition"
- April 23-25, 1993 Dayton Hamvention & Annual LARC Membership Meeting
LARC members usually arrive one day early.
- April 25, 1993 March On Washington
LARC is a participating sponsor of this national event.

LARC on GENie Information Service

That's right! Now LARC members can communicate a new way ... on the GENie Information Service. In the Radio & Electronics Roundtable (RT), the ~~SunOn~~ ^{NA5E} has created a private category just for LARC members. Here's an alternative place to meet outside of the usual net schedules. It's great for members who do not have HF capability, members who are not yet licensed and who want to keep in touch, and members who have had it with propagation woes.

Access is granted by Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI) only to LARC members and supporters. Getting access is as easy as 1-2-3 ...

1. Join the GENie service. Call 1-800-638-9636 to get your GENie account set up.
2. Join the Radio & Electronics RT by typing M345 and following the prompts.
3. Send an E-Mail message to D.BLEDSOE to identify yourself and ask for access. That's it!

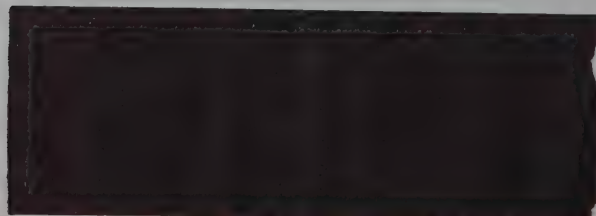
To make your access even easier, there is an automated message and file management software package called Aladdin. It's free! All you do is pay for the downloading time, which is about \$4. Contact Don (WB6LYI) or Mark (KC3XC) if you're having problems. It really makes everything a snap!

Join LARC on GENie!

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by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

LARC v. ARRL Proceedings in Hartford

On Wednesday, December 9, 1992, LARC President Jim Kelly (KK3K) travelled to Hartford, Connecticut for an interview before an investigator with the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities. The interview pertained to the claim filed by LARC against the ARRL charging the League with discrimination against LARC in violation of Connecticut State law which outlaws discrimination based on sexual orientation. Jim was accompanied by Robert G. Miller and John J. Lynch, attorneys with the firm of Brown, Raysman and Millstein of New York City. Attorneys Miller and Lynch are working in cooperation with the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., which is representing LARC. The interview was conducted by Ms. Femi Bogle-Assegai, B.ed(Hons)MBA, an investigator with the Commission. The interview lasted approximately one hour and covered the history of LARC's attempts over the years to place a classified advertisement in the League's official publication QST. At the conclusion of the interview, Investigator Bogle-Assegai indicated that she would be meeting with representatives of the ARRL in the near future.

LARC Ad Renewed In CQ

LARC's advertisement has been renewed in CQ magazine for a period of one year. The ad will reappear in the January issue of CQ. LARC's ad in CQ expired several months ago. Since CQ does not send out renewal notices to its classified advertisers, the ad lapsed and

was not immediately renewed. However, the renewal was recently processed and expedited by the advertising department at CQ without any problem.

Response To LARC Membership Renewals Gratifying

Thanks to all of those who have sent in their 1993 membership renewals to date. Special thanks also to those who have renewed for more than one year. So far, 67 LARC members have renewed for one or more years! LARC officers would like to acknowledge and thank the following members who made a generous contribution in addition to their dues: KA1MQX; N0LSL; WA4ASJ; KA7FYC; K9PVS/5; W4/G4JKE; K1DUG; KA2EGO; KD6EDJ; K3AKK; AA6GA; WB8LPY; and N2CJM.

KA1MQX To Write For Lambda Net News

Boston LARC member Nick (KA1MQX) has agreed to write a regular feature column for the Lambda New News. Nick will review the W5YI Report and prepare a column which will help keep the membership of LARC up-to-date on the many interesting and late-breaking news items of interest to hams that are contained in that publication. The LARC Executive Committee is seeking other volunteers willing to write regular or occasional columns for the newsletter. In particular, there is a need for someone with packet capability to monitor packet bulletins and report newsworthy developments from this valuable source. If you're interested in writing for the

Honduras Here We Come

by Mark Wilcox (KC3XC, Washington, DC)
[The October 1992 trip to Honduras by Mark and his partner, Ted]

The Honduran vacation was a study in contrasts between bad and good.

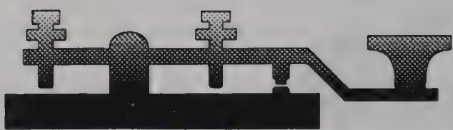
Flying Tan Sahsa was an experience. They seem to use 737s exclusively. When we stepped on the plane Ted immediately said that he has NEVER seen so many seats crammed on a plane before. There was almost zero kneecap room. Taller people spent most of the flight standing up so that they'd be comfortable! Sahsa constantly supplied unlimited booze to anyone who wanted it at no additional charge, which helped to keep most folks pacified. We didn't partake.

Changing planes in San Pedro Sula was a joke. A Sahsa employee met us at the airport door with our boarding passes for the Roatan flight, checked our names off a mimeographed list (mimeographed!?) and took us through a locked door to wait with people who'd already cleared customs. The airport really consisted of one large waiting room with 4 doors in a glass wall at the front. The doors were right next to one another and labelled "Gate 1, Gate 2, Gate 3, Gate 4"! Of course, you just walked through ANY of the doors right onto the same place on the tarmac, then continued across the ground to your plane. Bizarre! We stopped briefly in Belize at the Belize City airport. It was even SMALLER than San Pedro Sula and there was no "city" in view from the ground or the air.

Our destination was Roatan, largest of the Bay Islands, about 27 kilometers off the coast of Honduras.

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President's Key

by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

Happy 1993!

Another new and exciting year is upon us. But before I begin to cover new ground I'd like to comment on the LARC elections held last fall. First, a heartfelt thank you to Don (WB6LYI); Philip (WD4IJV); Tom (KI4ZN) and Paul (KK6JD) who served as our LARC officers during the 1991-2 term. Thanks also to Wayne (AI9Q) who does a great job of distributing our newsletter each month.

Secondly, I'd like to acknowledge and thank all those LARC members who ran unsuccessfully for office: Nick (KA1MQX); Eric (N6ZSU); Steve (KD6ZZ); and Paul (KK6JD). While these fine LARC members were not elected, each received a significant number of votes and each deserves the appreciation of all LARC members for their willingness to run for office.

Thirdly, I'd like to congratulate our new slate of officers for the 1993-4 term: Howard (W9BVD); Philip (WD4IJV); and Tom (KI4ZN) who has agreed to serve another term as LARC treasurer. Special thanks also to Paul (KK6JD) who will continue assist LARC Secretary Philip (WD4IJV) by continuing to handle membership inquiries for call areas 6,7,9,Ø, and VF, and to Wayne (AI9Q) for continuing as Circulations Manager for the Lambda Net News. Finally, I would once again thank the membership for voting. The high turnout is an indication of the good health of our club.

For my own part, I am deeply honored to have been once again re-elected as president of LARC. I assure those who voted for me that I will do my best to insure that LARC continues to offer as many membership benefits as possible to its members. I am also committed to ensuring that LARC continues to grow. LARC will continue to do its part to help keep amateur radio viable by offering club membership, services, and a sense of community to sexual minority hams, SWLs, electronic and computer buffs, and their straight or gay and lesbian friends. In this connection, LARC will join those in the amateur radio community at-large who share similar goals vis-a-vis the hobby; but I will insist upon fair treatment for our club, for its members and for myself from those in the hobby who have resisted, mistreated or discriminated against us in the past.

To those who did not vote for me, I would like to say that I acknowledge that there are differences in approach to consider when attempting to accomplish any goal. However, while I view diversity of opinion as a strength, there can be but one LARC president and one path at a time for our organization. As the duly elected president of LARC, it is my responsibility to lead, to make decisions, and to chart the course for our club. While not everyone will agree with each decision I make, I nevertheless ask for the support of all of our members as we push ahead to meet the challenges facing our club and all of amateur radio.

Now to the future. We have the opportunity to greatly expand our membership. I think we should target some new areas for potential members. Don (WB6LYI) has suggested some interesting ideas along these lines including producing a LARC video that could be used by gay and lesbian cable TV shows!

Don has also been doing some exciting work on Genie, a worldwide computer BBS system. Thanks to Don, LARC now has its own private area on Genie which is restricted to LARC members and supporters. If you have a computer with a modem, this will provide you with a means to communicate privately and regularly with other LARC members even if you're not currently on-the-air! You can even read the newsletter online. We should promote the club to computer types and attempt to interest them in amateur radio. We should also look at the readers of magazines such as Monitoring Times.

We are continuing our advertising in CQ magazine and Don (WB6LYI) has suggested that we submit an ad to WorldRadio in the near future. We still haven't reached all if the hams who are potential members of LARC. Of course, this is not entirely our fault!

I also plan to make some organizational changes which are designed to strengthen the club. I will delegate more responsibility to our elected and appointed officers. Our elected secretary Philip (WD4IJV) will be responsible for our entire membership function. He will be free to ask for the help of LARC members to act as assistants in getting this important job done. I also plan to ask Philip to shoulder the duties of corresponding secretary. Our new vice-president Howard (W9BVD) has an important

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Membership rosters are published several times each year and will be inserted into an issue of the LAMBDA NET NEWS. This summarized roster lists basic member information. If you'd like to receive a highly detailed, in-depth listing of each member, just send a 9" x 12" self-addressed envelope with \$1.90 postage affixed and a custom printed roster will be on its way to you. This way, you can have an updated roster as often as you'd like and LARC will not be sending rosters to anyone who doesn't want one.

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LARC Chapter Directory

City of Brotherly Love (COBL) Chapter

Contact: Jim Kelly (KK3K)
P.O. Box 24810
Philadelphia, PA 19130
(215) 978-LARC

Serves Phila. metro area including S. Jersey, N. Delaware, and Maryland.
Meetings every 6-8 weeks. No dues.
Note: Chapter presently inactive.

Finger Lakes Chapter

Contact: Irv (AF2K)
515 Drumm Rd.
Webster, NY 14580
(716) 671-4430

or contact:

Dave (KE2GE)
80 Campfire Rd. N.
Henrietta, NY 14467
(716) 359-3337

Serves western and central NY state.
Meetings 3rd Friday each month for dinner/meeting. Dues are \$5 per year.

Golden Gate Chapter

Contact: Kit Brown, President
P.O. Box 14073
San Francisco, CA 94114
(415) 863-1196

Serves San Francisco Bay area. Meetings monthly on 2nd Thursday at 8 PM. Dues are \$15 per year. Note: Additional social events are frequently scheduled.

Hollywood Chapter

Contact: Rick Fearn (K6VE), President
P.O. Box 65643
Los Angeles, CA 90065
(213) 256-6556

Serves southern California. Meetings are quarterly on weekends on announced schedule. Dues. Note: Field trips and outings are often scheduled.

Personal Stuff

I would like to correspond with any LARC members who are or were nightclub D.J.s or who collect modern dance music. Write or call —

Robert Baker, WA2IEK
262 40th Street
Irvington, NJ 07111-1149
(201) 374-9631

Would like to meet ham (or aspiring ham) for friendship and possible relationship.

Dale A. Clark, WA0CFQ
Box 668
Wellsville, KS 66092
(913) 883-4090

(Leave message on machine if I'm out.)

I would like to share my home and expense with a compatible ham.

LeRoy D. Lawhorn, W4VIW
Lambda #1095
213 McDonald Street
Greenville, SC 29609-5630
(803) 233-3527

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LARC newsletter, contact LNN editor Don (WB6LYT).

Welcome New Members

Welcome aboard to the following new members of LARC: Donald Stuart (N8RZQ) of Caco, MI; David Marino (K1KCG) of Marlboro, MA; and Jerry Chamkis (waiting for call) of Austin, TX.

Member Correspondence

Condolences to LARC member and LARC vice presidential candidate Steve Godwin (KD6ZZ) whose lover of 28 years, Don, died in early December of cancer. The thoughts of all of us in LARC are with you, Steve.

Also, belated condolences to long time LARC member Neil (WA6KLA) whose roommate died in February, 1992.

Philly LARC member Steve (AA3AE) donated a set of Ameco slow and high speed code tapes as well as Novice through Extra Class Ameco test manuals to the LARC lending library. Thanks, Steve!

Ohio LARC member Dave Dean has upgraded from Technician to Advanced Class. Congratulations Dave!

Rob (N4YGZ) of Sacramento is particularly interested in the 1993 Gay, Lesbian and Bi March on Washington slated for April 25. Rob suggested that LARC offer to provide communications assistance, however, since the March falls on the same weekend as the Dayton Hamvention, LARC participation in the March will be affected by this conflict in dates. LARC members are reminded to inform LARC MOW Liaison Bob (KA8UHL) if they are planning to attend the March so that Bob can keep track of how many members are planning to attend the March and coordinate LARC activities based on the size of the LARC contingent.

Mike (N2QBN) plans to relocate from Northern New Jersey to Florida next year.

Lori (KB2NII) upgraded to Technician Plus in October. Congratulations, Lori! She hopes to upgrade to General by Spring and says: "Getting my code speed up — eating telegraph keys for breakfast! HI!"

Jack (KH6MY) lost his antennas due to Hurricane Iniki last year. He is now using a 20m/40m dipole.

Chapter News

The Finger Lakes Chapter slated their holiday dinner for Friday, December 18 at 7pm at the City Grill restaurant southeast

of downtown Rochester. FLC members Irv (AF2K) and Jim (N2IMS) submitted their designs for a club banner at the November meeting. At that same meeting chapter president Dave (KE2GE) solicited input from the members regarding a possible FLC field day event.

Miscellany

The Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men, Inc. (SECLGM, Inc.) announces the Seventeenth Annual Conference entitled "March Forth 93" to be held March 4-7, 1993 in Tuscaloosa, AL. The theme of the conference refers to preparations for the National March on Washington set for April 1993. According to SECLGM organizer Cindy Vordenbaum, "we need to create an environment that will stimulate and inspire lesbians and gay men to support and participate in what will probably be the largest march in history on the nation's capitol ... the Southeastern Conference is a great way to capture that spirit and move on to the big event". The Conference will feature speakers, workshops and lesbian and gay entertainers. For information write: SECLGM 93, P.O. Box 4954, Tuscaloosa, AL 35486-4954 or call 750-0257.

According to the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation/New York (GLAAD) Bulletin, pro-gay/lesbian talk show host and TV and movie star Whoopi Goldberg asked movie star Elizabeth Taylor about Hollywood homophobia. Taylor responded "Without homosexuals there wouldn't be this town...You take homosexual input out and there is no Hollywood."

Use Your HT To Copy AMSAT Oscar 21!

Recently on one of the LARC nets, a member asked a question about how to copy OSCAR 21. The answer is that you can use your HT to listen to the FM downlink of Oscar 21. Tune to 145.985 or 145.990 and listen when AO-21 is overhead. If you have 70cm capability and want to work thru AO-21, the uplink frequency is 435.015 or 435.020, however, you will need high gain antennas pointing at the satellite to do this. The current AO-21 schedule is now 6 minutes of FM transponder operation, 3 minutes of voice (a bulletin), and 1 minute of telemetry. This 10 minute cycle repeats continuously 24 hours a day. Peter Guelzow (DB2OS) points out that the FM

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transponder mode is done entirely through Digital Signal Processing (DSP). Because of this, AO-21 is truly unique from all the OSCARs which have flown before. Also, many AO-21 users may have noted that their QSOs sounded a little better because of a software update that was done December 3rd. Peter reports that the voice "sampling frequency" was increased to 16 Khz. Further improvements include a 1 MByte RAMDISK for voice message files. A final addition in the AO-21 software was a 1200 Baud AFSK telemetry mode. This means that if you have a standard terrestrial packet TNC in your ham shack, you can download the telemetry from AO-21 by "pumping" the 1 minute of telemetry into the audio input of your TNC. Downlink signals are very strong and even a HT can be used. The 1200 Baud AFSK Modulation was completely realized using "Digital Signal Processing" techniques with the RTX-2000 DSP-Experiment! On Thursday, December 3, 1992 a new AO-21 FM transponder schedule change went into effect. Many noted that there now was a foreign language voice message being broadcast to wish Matjaz Vidmar (YT3MV) a speedy recovery from a car accident he was involved in this past summer. Matjaz is well known in AMSAT technical circles for his expertise in RF transponder design. Matjaz helped with the design and construction of the S-Band transmitters now flying on AO-16 and DOVE. He is also assisting in the Phase-3D program. The female voice heard on the AO-21 downlink is speaking in Matjaz's native language, Slovenian. Hopefully Matjaz, using a H/T at his hospital bedside heard this "get-well" message and felt better knowing that the amateur radio community wished him a speedy recovery. (Thanks to SpaceNews and the Amsat News Service (ANS) for this information.)

How Often Should You Update Satellite Element Sets?

One of the most common questions asked by newcomers to the world of amateur radio satellites is how often does one need to update one's keplerian element sets for the various OSCARs. This question was recently posed to Dick Campbell (N3FKV), AMSAT-NA's Orbital Data Manager. Dick has held this position for over two years and has archived all of the OSCAR and Weather satellite element sets, Mir Space station

and the Space Shuttle element sets during that time. Based on his observations, with the exceptions being the Mir Space station and Shuttle missions, orbital elements stay remarkably accurate for at least 30 days. In order to prove this, Dick went back into his archives and studied the Acquisition-of-Signal (AOS) and Loss-of-Signal (LOS) times using the elements of AO-13 and AO-16. He used element sets that were 30 days old and 6 months old. What he discovered for AO-13 was that using a 6 month old element set showed a 46-50 minute difference in AOS and LOS times. But using an element set only 30 days old generated error of only 31-56 SECONDS! Dick points out that the errors in using the 30 day old elements for AO-13 are entirely satisfactory for amateur radio purposes. Also, James Miller (G3RUH), one of the AO-13 Ground Controllers, generates his own elements for AO-13 by "massaging" and "smoothing" past element sets. What Dick found was that G3RUH's elements are only off by 5 minutes after 6 months! Again, a 5 minute error in AOS or LOS is acceptable for AO-13 and amateur radio purposes. Most AO-13 users have antennas with wide beam-widths and this error presents few problems. If you don't have a G3RUH AO-13 element set, then Dick suggests that you set the Decay Rate, also sometimes referred to as the Drag Factor, equal to zero. By doing so you will see an error of 4-5 minutes after 30 days. Now turning to the case of AO-16 and other Low-Earth-Orbit (LEO) satellites, the question of when to update element sets is quite a different matter. Because LEO passes can be 20 minutes or less, antenna pointing is very critical and thus an error of 5 minutes in the AOS or LOS time is significant. Dick's investigation has shown him that one can be off by 5 minutes with a 6 month old element set for a LEO bird. For example, in the case of AO-16, Dick found that a 6 month old element set was 4 minutes off on the AOS time but the bigger problem was his antenna azimuth pointing angle was 50 deg in error! However, using a 30 day old element set for AO-16, he observed it was only a few seconds off in the AOS time and this equated to a 10 deg error in the antenna azimuth angle.

Recommendations: An AO-13 element set can be used up to 6 months but you need to set the Drag Factor or Decay Rate equal to zero. If you would like use a single AO-13 element set for 6 months or

more, use one of G3RUH's "smoothed" sets. For LEOs like AO-16, AO-21, DOVE, etc., their element sets are good for at least 30 days, BUT NOT 6 MONTHS! Dick points out that more study is needed on this topic and he encourages OSCAR users to look into this for themselves. His final comments about this issue concern an orbital parameter mentioned above called the Decay Rate or Drag Factor. Dick feels that the Drag Factor should be thought of as a "fudge-factor." In the body of mathematical theory known as Orbital Mechanics, there are many assumptions made to simplify the computer algorithms used in tracking programs. For instance, the satellite is considered to be a "point-mass" and the only force acting on the satellite is the earth's gravitational pull. In truth, there is atmospheric drag and other "perturbations" to the orbit caused by the sun and moon. Because of the large "number-crunching" capability needed to include all these additional effects, their cumulative affect is "lumped" into a single parameter known as the Drag Factor. But the problem with using the Drag Factor for long term prediction it does not adequately handle these perturbations due to its simplistic design. Consequently, the Drag Factor is only good for a short period of time. That is why Dick recommends that users set the Drag Factor to zero in order to obtain the best results for long term use of AO-13 Keplerian sets. For LEO satellites, which includes most of the OSCARs, Dick recommends leaving the Drag Factor alone for tracking purposes when using element sets with epoch dates that are 30 days old. So the next time you feel the urge to update your element sets, try following Dick Campbell's suggestions and there is a good possibility that will not have to update all of your element sets. (Thanks to the AMSAT News Service (ANS) and Dick Campbell (N3FKV) for this article).



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President's Key

job waiting for him once he gets settled into his new QTH in sunny Florida. I will ask Howard to undertake a full review of our LARC Constitution and By-Laws. This process will require input from the officers and the membership. Since Howard will be busy settling into his new home and coordinating LARC housing at Dayton during the first few months of the year, this review of our Constitution and By-Laws will hopefully commence about the middle of next year. I will ask our capable treasurer Tom (KI4ZN) to prepare a yearly budget for the club and I've already asked him to see if he can insure that we do not incur needless expenses such as checking account surcharges.

The editor of an organization's newsletter is an important individual. Our newsletter editor is doubly important because our membership is so spread out. The Lambda Net News is the lifeblood of LARC. Therefore, I will ask our club officers to agree to expand our Executive Committee to include the editor of the Lambda Net News, a volunteer to be appointed by the president and confirmed by the Executive Committee, pending the planned revision of our Constitution and By-Laws.

While I'm on the topic of the newsletter, I have already begun to solicit more involvement from our members in the form of regular articles to diversify the content of the Lambda Net News. Nick (KA1MQX) has agreed to become a regular contributor to the LNN. I welcome any member who wishes to become a regular or occasional contributor to our newsletter.

In closing and for the record, opinions expressed in this column are my own and do not necessarily reflect the official position of the Lambda Amateur Radio Club or its membership. There! Just in case there are any doubts about the content of this column vis-a-vis official club policy, I thought I'd better set the record straight. Yes, I am the duly elected president of LARC, however, that distinction neither robs me of my right to express my own opinion on various subjects nor obligates you, the membership, to go along with those opinions. This is an opinion column. When I enunciate an official LARC club policy, I will clearly label it as such and attempt to do so in an appropriate fashion, such as in the text of a press release or an "official" statement.

And away we go for 1993! de KK3K

Study Materials Sought

The LARC Lending Library is in need of new Technician study materials to lend to members who want to get the new license.

So, if you have study materials you'd like to donate to the LARC Lending Library, just pack them up and mail them to the club post office box. We'll see that they get put to good use!

Columnist Sought for Womens' View

With the large of women who have joined LARC in the past and a significant number in recent months, I believe it is time for an ongoing column about activities and issues relating to our women members. The Lambda Net News is currently seeking a lady member to act as a focal point for our ladies and to report on topics they want to discuss. Interested? Drop a note today to the NEWS address on page 2.

An Open Letter to Our Community

by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

I just saw the story on national TV of a poor gay kid, a U.S. sailor, who was recently beaten to death by two of his shipmates while onshore because he was gay. They interviewed his poor mother. She said they beat him so severely that his body was unrecognizable. She said that he had complained to her about anti-gay harassment onboard ship. My blood is still boiling hours after I saw the story on the national news. This innocent young man's blood is on the hands of his murderers to be sure; but it is also on the hands of those in our own community who have thus far refused to pick up the gauntlet and join the fight for our rights. What will it take to get us going as a united community? When will the closeted gays and lesbians understand that they must not continue to hide? When will we stand up as a people and refuse to accept the murder of our kids? When will we cease to symbolically march willingly to the gas chambers; to facilitate our own destruction as a people? How many more innocent kids will die, be pushed off of bridges, be beaten to death before the rich, comfortable, complacent, closeted and spineless among us stand up and say "enough!"

I'm angry at our government and the U.S. Military that has already started to use this incident to buttress its opposition to ending its ban on lesbians and gays. I'm angry at the cowardly, evil murderers that would do such a thing. But I even angrier at those around me who fail to grasp the nature of their own complicity in each of these terrible tragedies. My life partner stands with me. However, my gay and lesbian friends and acquaintances all must know that I will no longer acquiesce to the lie in their lives that is the closet; and they and my family must know that I expect them to stand up with me for justice for our people. The time is long past for all of us to unite in our demand for an end to the evil directed at us by large segments of this seemingly hate-filled society.

Boycott Colorado

by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

As you probably know by now, a slim majority of the citizens of Colorado voted on November 3, 1992 to adopt "Amendment 2" which invalidates gay and lesbian civil rights laws in that state. This means that the gay and lesbian rights laws enacted by the cities of Denver, Aspen and Boulder are nullified and that it's "open season" against members of sexual minorities in Colorado. The movement to pass this amendment to the Colorado state constitution was pushed by the usual group of religious fundamentalist fanatics and right wing bigots. Unfortunately, the measure passed even though a similar measure failed in Oregon. Already, gays and lesbians in Colorado have been subjected to increased threats of violence and attack, and the number of incidents of gay bashing has increased.

While a groundswell of support for the repeal or defeat in the courts of this amendment has been noted, it is most important that gays, lesbians and other sexual minority members nationwide unite in strong opposition to this example of institutionalized bigotry. A call for a boycott of Colorado went out very soon after the vote was announced. A boycott of the

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Honduras Here We Come

The airport at Roatan was a large, extended shack with a few rooms. There were smaller shacks on one side that were the duty free shop and other support services. Not impressive. Customs were very perfunctory. The Fantasy Island representative took our passports and forms and disappeared. When she returned, they were processed. At no time did either we or our luggage ever pass before a customs agent.

Everything that had to do with the water was good. We snorkled most of the three days away and saw more varieties of fish, coral, shells, etc., than I have ever before seen! Totally awesome. Also, this time Ted was completely comfortable with the snorkling gear and we could do everything together. At one point, when we went out on one of the dive boats to snorkle while other guests did their SCUBA dive, we hung at the surface of the water at the edge of a reef watching the others 60 feet or more below us in the crystal clear water. Their bubbles floated up and hit our bodies. Neat stuff!

We took a tour of parts of Roatan one late morning/early afternoon. We visited a small seafood house where they pack shrimp and lobster tails in ice to be shipped to Red Lobster in the USA. We went to a very small boat building operation. We were taken to one of the island's 2 bakeries. The pastries weren't very good. We went to the main "city," actually more of a small village, called Coxen's Hole. Here I made one important discovery: they sold guineps! These are a tropical fruit I had had in Jamaica and love. They're about as big as a large grape and lime green in color. You peel off the green rind and pop the orange fruit into your mouth. Using your teeth, you strip the orange flesh from a large white seed. When you're through, you spit out the seed and start on another. Sweet/tangy — yum! Down there the local name is mamarones. The most interesting stop we had was at a place next door to Anthony's Key resort. It's a kind of dolphin research station. They put on a dolphin show unlike any I've ever seen in the States. A trainer got in the water with the dolphins at one point and dove. When he was under the water and in position, two of the dolphins put their snouts under his feet and PUSHED him straight up, 20 feet into the air (!), to touch a ball suspended on a wire. When he swam back to the dock they got under his feet again and he literally rose out of the water on their snouts and calmly stepped off onto the



dock. Whew! During the show, guests were encouraged to walk out to the dolphins on a narrow dock. When we did, the dolphins obediently rose out of the water to kiss people on the lips, allowed themselves to be petted, turned onto their stomachs and remained motionless on command, etc., etc. For an additional fee this place will take you scuba diving with the dolphins. Two of the folks we met there did just that and RAVED about it afterward!

I must admit, a dolphin's skin does have a very seductive feel!!!

The hotel food was very good, with an emphasis on seafood.

There were problems, though. We were without electrical power for extended periods. That also meant no air conditioning and no lights at night. They didn't have candles to give us! We also lost our water pressure with the 1st power failure. When it returned — we had no hot water! We only had hot showers right when we arrived and just before we left. For most of our time in Roatan we had to take cold showers. As we were in the salt water so much we had to take A LOT of cold showers! Not fun...

The biting, blood-sucking insects, called no-see-ums, were ferocious. For some reason they mostly left Ted alone and went for me! With mosquitoes in the States the opposite is usually the case. We found that one insect repellent worked much better than the other out of the two types we brought. (Note: OFF! Skintastic lotion worked best and wasn't greasy)

Add to that the fact that certain of the hotel staff in various departments were surly, uninformative, and unfriendly. This is not a place to which we will return, nor can we recommend it. Before leaving we sat down in private with the hotel

manager and had a chat. He agreed to absorb the bar bill for our entire stay, as well as the snorkling equipment rental charges. Virtually everything else was included in our package and had been prepaid. In that way, we received some compensation.

When we left the country they did run our bags through an x-ray machine. It was staffed by teenage military males who didn't look too competent.

We spent a couple of days in Miami on the way back. Damage from the hurricane was quite evident. One night we had an excellent meal at a restaurant staffed entirely by gays (as opposed to a strictly gay clientele, which they didn't have) in Coco Beach, called

Kaleidoscope. We returned to one of my favorite places, Parrot Jungle, only to discover that, though it was open, it had sustained over 1.5 million dollars in uninsured damage and looked quite different. I'm happy that none of the birds were killed. We also drove through Miami Beach and saw the famous Art Deco hotels that line the beach. We stopped and swam in the Atlantic in an area of the beach that's supposed to be gay. We saw only families, until we got in the water! There, I spotted a couple of guys on a sandbar just off the beach. They were doing all kinds of PDA-type things, including embracing, carrying one another in their arms, kissing, etc. Ted remarked that they were "blatant", doing all this in full view of the beach. When they later got out of the water we could see that they were maybe 20, both into physical fitness, with bodies that Ted described as "too perfect." It was uplifting to see two young gays so full of love and uninhibited in full view of everyone, though. No one confronted them while we were there.

That was the night that we went to the seafood restaurant where I ordered the wrong item on the menu! Ted left early the next morning, just before I really had my first attack of food poisoning. Therefore, I had to go it alone, with a high temperature and constantly dehydrating, to check out of the hotel, return the rental car, and go back to DC via JFK. What a nightmare!

So — overall it was a good vacation. We got to do something totally different and really break out of our routine. We had a good time in Miami in which Ted is comfortable driving and I'm more comfortable with each visit.

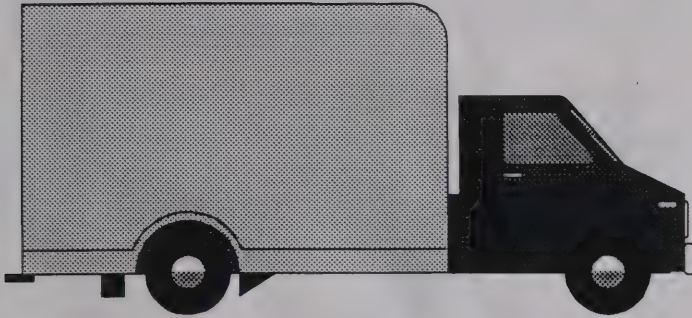
Boycott Colorado

state will send the message that this injustice is unacceptable in an unmistakable fashion: millions of dollars of lost revenue! This message will also not be lost on the citizens of other states likely to be targeted by the religious zanies and bigots for similar anti-gay/lesbian campaigns. While it is true that we have many friends who will also suffer from a boycott of Colorado, especially in Boulder, Aspen and Denver, "we have no choice, we must unite behind the boycott effort." The harm our good friends in Colorado will suffer from a boycott was done to them by their fellow citizens on November 3rd. The best thing we can

do to help them now is to unify behind the boycott. Many celebrities as well as politicians across the country from New York City Mayor David Dinkins to the Mayors of Atlanta and Philadelphia have pledged to boycott Colorado. The sooner the boycott works and the amendment is repealed or invalidated, the better it will be for our friends in Colorado and the entire citizenry of the state. We must boycott Colorado now and send a message nationwide that institutionalized bigotry carries with it an unacceptably high price tag!

The Rental Truck From Hell

by Bob (WB6YYZ, Wyoming, PA)



After getting prices on moving, I figured that I could do it myself for half the price by renting a 24 foot van and driving cross country. I was prepared to drive it by myself, but the idea seemed even better when a friend offered to help drive. Ted would then visit relatives on the east coast before flying back home. But I should have known that things were not going to work right when the truck was missing the fuel cap and the tow dolly wasn't ready. That delayed loading a half day, and rain and lack of help added another day's delay.

But on Sunday, the 13th of December, we were ready to roll. The springs looked like the truck was a bit heavy, but I could find no public scale open on Sunday and just decided to take my chances. All went well until we were 30 miles away from Phoenix, when a front tire blew. I figured I could get on a local repeater, but then discovered that the 2 meter rig had been packed way in the front of the truck. So I unhitched the trusty Datsun pickup and drove into town to report the problem to the rental company.

To their credit, they were able to get someone out there in four hours, and they changed the tire in place. The mechanic told me that the 90 psi printed on the truck by the rental company was wrong for the tires, indeed, on the sidewall 110 pounds was specified. He also suggested that I find a public scale in Phoenix and make sure that I wasn't overweight.

I thought that I might be 100 pounds heavy, but I was in total shock to find that I was three TONS overweight. I had been lucky so far in that all the state weigh stations had been closed. Rather than risk fines, and blowing more tires, I had to spend a day in Phoenix, renting a storage locker and unloading the extra three tons, to be picked up on my final move from Burbank when the house sells.

Then, upon crossing the New Mexico boarder, the truck made screaming sounds like an alternator belt about to go and burning

rubber smell, so I pulled off the freeway to check it out. It was one of those country ramps that turn into a dirt track to some farmer's field, and the rain before had softened the soil into mud. The truck promptly got stuck, and I had to unhitch the Datsun again, so that I could back out of the muck. While doing this, the local sheriff came by. They were missing one of their officers, so they ran a "make" on us, asked us some questions and wanted to look in the back of the truck. No problem, just ordinary household goods, so I showed them that we did not kidnap their partner. The deputy allowed us to continue loading the Datsun back on the tow dolly and by the time that we were ready, they had found their missing officer; it turns out that he went home and forgot to check in first.

I then turned my attention to the problem that started this whole mess, the air conditioner belt had broken and taken one of the alternator belts with it. But there was still one left, and I decided to make it to town. The gas station didn't have any the correct size, but the truck seemed stable now, so I decided to press on to El Paso, and get the truck fixed while eating break fast.

This time, it took five hours from reporting the trouble to get it fixed, El Paso did not have the exact size in stock, but the mechanic knew that we really wanted to get on the road, so he fitted it with undersized belts that worked. I kept the one good one as a spare, should the kludge fail. At least not having air conditioning was not an issue this time of year!

Finally, we were back on schedule, it seems that we managed to leave Murphy behind in El Paso, and had no major difficulties until Saturday the 19th at 4 AM, the last 1/4 mile up the dirt road to my new home. It had snowed a few days before, and the road was all ice and snow, with a stream to ford. I got it unstuck once, and got past the stream, and then Harold came down from the house, he heard our wheels spinning and figured it was us. We left the truck where it was and got a good nights rest, then made up our own tire chains out of chain and quick links that are around the place for other purposes. The improvised tire chains gave good traction and I got the truck right up to the front door. There were guests for the weekend that helped us unload, the truck was emptied in just 8 hours spread out over Saturday and Sunday. I got a temporary antenna installed in the attic in time for the 15 meter Sunday schedule and returned the rental truck from hell on Monday.

The most amazing thing is that Ted, the other driver, wants to go with me for the second load this spring, he found all the difficulties to be quite an adventure and wants to do it again.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

March 8-15, 1993

"LARC Mystery OSCAR-13 DXpedition"

April 23-25, 1993

Dayton Hamvention & Annual LARC Membership Meeting
LARC members usually arrive one day early

LARC on GENie Information Service

That's right! Now LARC members can communicate a new way ... on the GENie Information Service. In the Radio & Electronics Roundtable (RT), the SysOp there, NA5E, has created a private category just for LARC members. Here's an alternative place to meet outside of the usual net schedules. It's great for members who do not have HF capability, members who are not yet licensed and who want to keep in touch, and members who have had it with propagation woes.

Access is granted by Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI) only to LARC members and supporters. Getting access is as easy as 1-2-3 ...

1. Join the GENie service. Basic Services is just \$4.95 per month for unlimited use during evenings and weekends. Access is also available from Europe, too. In the U.S., call 1-800-638-9636 to get your GENie account set up.
2. Join the Radio & Electronics RT by typing M345 and following the prompts.
3. Send an E-Mail message to D.BLEDSON identifying yourself and asking for access. That's it!

To make your access even easier, there is an automated message and file management software package called Aladdin. It's free! All you do is pay for the downloading time, which is about \$4. Contact Don (WB6LYI) or Mark (KC3XC) if you're having problems. It really makes everything a snap!

Join LARC on GENie!

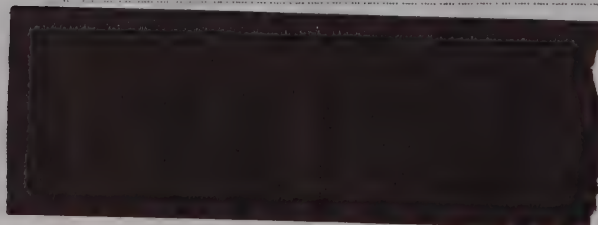
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Dayton Hamvention 1993 Room Reservation

Complete and return your reservation by *February 15, 1993* to:
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428 Summit Chase Drive, Valrico, FL 33594-3838 U.S.A.

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| Name | | Callsign |
| Address | | Phone |
| City | State | Postal Code or Zip |
| Province | | Country |

Please reserve _____ (number of people in your party) spots for me / us for Hamvention 1993 at the LARC Headquarters hotel. LARC Hamvention accommodations for 1993 will be at the Econo-Lodge, 2241 Wagoner Ford Road, the same as last year. Rooms with three (3) persons per room should cost approximately \$60.00 per night.

DEPOSIT REQUIRED is \$30.00 per person.
Make all checks payable to: Lambda Amateur Radio Club

/we will need a room for the following nights (circle **ALL** nights you desire rooms):

Thursday night
April 22

Friday night
April 23

Saturday night
April 24

Sunday night
April 25

I wish to share a room with the following LARC members if possible:

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Check one: ☐ Smoker ☐ Non-Smoker

The LARC Annual Banquet will be held on Saturday, April 24. A limited choice menu will be offered with entree prices in the \$10 to \$15 range. Drinks and a 20% gratuity are extra. Please indicate below your plans for the banquet.

Check one: ☐ **YES** ... I plan to attend the LARC Banquet
☐ **NO** ... I will NOT be attending the LARC Banquet

NOTE: We will do our best to secure room reservations for all members who send in their reservations and deposits on time. We will also do our best to honor all requests for specific roommate assignments. However, we cannot guarantee either room space or guarantee particular assignments to anyone.

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Net Newsbits

by Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

LARC v. ARRL Proceeding Set For December 9

The Investigator assigned to the LARC v. ARRL case by the State of Connecticut Commission On Human Rights and Opportunities has scheduled a case interview for 10:00 AM on December 9, 1992 in Hartford, CT. Attending this interview will be LARC President Jim Kelly (KK3K) and Mr. John Lynch, Esq., LLDEF (Lambda Legal) cooperating attorney representing LARC who is with the New York firm of Brown, Raysman and Millstein; and possibly Suzanne Goldberg, Esq., Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund attorney also representing LARC (Suzanne will attend the interview if her schedule permits). LARC President Jim (KK3K) will travel by train to Hartford on Tuesday evening, December 8 in order to attend the interview on Wednesday morning, December 9. According to a letter from the Connecticut State investigator, Femi Bogle-Assegai, B.ed (Hons) MBA, dated November 12, 1992, a preliminary review of LARC's complaint and the ARRL's response has been completed. The interview on December 9 is evidently the next step in the claim process.

LARC Attorney Makes National News

Suzanne Goldberg, a staff attorney with the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., was prominently featured in national radio and television accounts of a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision not to hear a case centering on private or self-insured medical insurance coverage and AIDS. Suzanne is also

representing LARC in the LARC v. ARRL case. A photograph of Suzanne appeared on page 27 of the New York Times on Sunday, November 27.

LARC Annual Renewal Drive Underway

If you haven't done so already, please take a moment now to send in your renewal and your dues for 1993. Remember, dues are only \$15.00 per year! It's also important that we receive updated information about you so that we can update your information contained in the club database. Thanks for your continued support of LARC! (Note: reduced rate dues of \$7.50 per year are available IF you belong to a formally affiliated chapter AND you also pay separate dues to support your chapter, AND your chapter collects and forwards your LARC dues to LARC for you).

East Coast LARC Net Shifts Frequency

The Thursday evening East coast LARC net is now meeting on 3.860 MHz +/- QRM as primary frequency with 7.225 - 7.230 MHz as back up frequency. The net meeting time has not changed; it still meets at 18:30 EST (6:30 PM local time). Conditions on 75 meters have been excellent during recent nets.

EARTHWINDS Ham Balloon Launch Disaster

An early morning EARTHWINDS balloon launch attempt ended in disaster Friday, November 20 when an unexpected 30 MPH wind came up and TOTALLY destroyed the inflatable dome housing the

LARC Election Results

by Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI, Long Beach, CA)

The LARC election results were tabulated by LARC Golden Gate chapter members Larry Kinney (WB9LOZ) & Bill Choisser (K9AT) of San Francisco. Many thanks for a job well done, fellas!

A fine slate of candidates volunteered to run for office. Thank you all for your willingness to serve on behalf of your fellow LARC members.

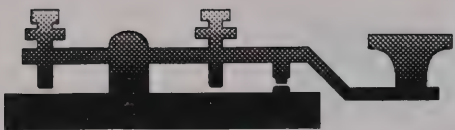
Now, on to the election results! Here are the raw numbers. For the office of President: Jim (KK3K) = 63, Tom (KI4ZN) = 35, Abstain = 1. For the office of Vice President: Howard (W9BVD) = 40, Steve (KD6ZZ) = 30, Nick (KA1MQX) = 15, Paul (KK6JD) = 14. For the office of Secretary: Philip (WD4IJV) = 63, Eric (N6ZSU) = 33, Abstain = 3.

Jim Kelly (KK3K) was re-elected to the office of President for a third term. "Thanks to everyone who voted. Also, I'd like to thank all those who ran for office. We have a lot of really good people who are willing to pitch in. That, combined with the high turnout, proves that LARC is a healthy, vibrant, and growing amateur radio club. Finally, I'd like to thank those who voted for me for their vote of confidence."

Howard Wyman (W9BVD) was elected as the new Vice President. "I want to say I'm honored to have the confidence of the membership; thanks to all of you who voted for me."

Philip Jenkins (WD4IJV) was elected as our new Secretary. "Thanks to everyone for their confidence. I'd like to encourage anyone to contact me if there's a problem that needs addressing."

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President's Key

by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

President, LARC

Wayne Green (W2NSD/1) is taking the heat since his bigoted remarks about gays and lesbians were published in Monitoring Times, the W5YI Report, and elsewhere including on packet and computer BBSs nationwide. In the December issue of 73 Amateur Radio Today, Green now claims his remarks were taken out of context. Well Uncle Wayne, you publish two ham radio magazines. If you feel you were taken out of context all you have to do is publish the full text of your remarks in one or both of your publications! If you need a copy of your nasty, hate-filled letter, let me know. But I don't think we'll see your letter published. You already look bad enough.

Most of us are happy to see the end of the Reagan-Bush era and the election of Bill Clinton and Al Gore. As I said in an earlier editorial, we will now have to continue to put the pressure on the new president to live up to his campaign promise to make his administration "look more like America," which should mean that gays and lesbians will be a part of it. So far, he has held firm in his determination to end the military's ban on gays and lesbians. However, he is getting a lot of flack from the military leaders and conservative politicians about this. It would be a good idea to write Clinton now and urge him to reject arguments such as "letting gays in the military would be bad for morale." Bad for morale? The Vietnam war, now that was bad for morale! The dehumanization process known as "boot camp" is pretty bad for morale also. The point is, the morale argument is a bunch of crap! Incidentally, the gay and lesbian vote for Clinton has been estimated at about 4 million votes! That's almost as much as his margin of victory. Now is the time for our community to cash in our political chips and insist on social justice for gays and lesbians. This is our best opportunity in many years.

It's been an eventful year for LARC, and a busy year for me in terms of my activities on behalf of the club. I could never have done it alone. I'd like to thank all who have helped out this year with the club. You know who you are; thank you very much. It's the holiday season once again.

Did you know that Christmas was a day of celebration long before Christianity? According to American Atheists, "December 25, by the Julian Calendar, was the winter solstice. This day, originally regarded by the pagans as the day of the nativity of the sun, the shortest day of the year — when the light began its conquering battle against the darkness — was celebrated universally in all ages of man. Taken over by the Christians as the birthday of their mythological Christ, this ancient holiday, set by motions of the celestial bodies, survives as a day of rejoicing that good will and love will have a perpetual rebirth in the minds of men — even as the sun has a symbolic rebirth yearly." Here's hoping that the darkness in some people's hearts is conquered and that good will and love will triumph. Merry Solstice from my gay family to you and yours! de KK3K

A Note From the Editor ...

Well, it's that time of year again. Somehow the holiday season always causes me to look back, not only over this year, but the last seven years I've been a member of LARC. Without doubt it's been quite a year. I hope to start the new year with a resolution to our dispute with the ARRL so we can get back to growing our club and hamming. This includes increasing our public service activities, helping members to get their licenses, sponsoring another OSCAR-13 satellite DXpedition, and having more than last year's 45 members attend the annual banquet at the Dayton Hamvention.

Join me for a great new year of renewed vigor for the Lambda Amateur Radio Club!

LARCers Elected to Ham Club Office

by Phillip (WD4IJV, Asheville, NC)

LARC member Hal (KD4BBB) of Winston-Salem, North Carolina has been elected Vice-President of the Triad (Winston-Salem, Greensboro, and High Point) Amateur Radio Association for 1993. Not only that, Chris (KC4WYA), also of Winston-Salem, has been elected the Secretary of TARA. (Now that Hal is one of the control operators of the 146.79 repeater, he plans to change the courtesy timer tone to "Oh, Mary!!"). Congratulations to these two LARC members!

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EARTHWINDS balloon. The balloon was subsequently dragged one half of a mile into the Nevada desert. At this time, it is uncertain whether it can be repaired and/or re-built before the launch opportunity expires in mid-February 1993. The flight of EARTHWINDS was to be an attempt by a ham, Larry Newman (KB7JGM) to circumnavigate the earth via balloon. It was to be the most ambitious manned balloon flight ever attempted.

The project, titled EARTHWINDS, was the creation of Larry Newman, KB7JGM. Larry has crossed both the Atlantic and Pacific ocean in previous, record-breaking flights. This time, with crew members Vladimir Dzanibekov and Don Moses, he planned to attempt a circumnavigation of the planet. Nominal altitude for the "orbit" was 35,000 feet, or about 7 miles. Through the efforts of Bill Brown, WB8ELK, Bob Rau, N8IYD, and Judd Nichols (a new technician licensee) an amateur radio beacon was to have been carried onboard EARTHWINDS. The ten meter beacon would have been digitized voice (not unlike DOVE's planned transmissions). Bill has his own digitized voice on a chip which has a vocabulary of 19 words. This would have been enough for the GPS (global positioning system) to transmit "KB7JGM EARTHWINDS" and then read out the balloon's latitude, longitude and speed in knots. The beacon was set to transmit on 28.303 Mhz at 30 and 55 minutes past the hour. The transmitter output power was to range between 10 and 100 watts depending on power availability. The 10-meter band was chosen for the beacon since Larry currently holds a Novice class license. 28.303 MHz is also used on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1200 EST for a school net. Many students from a large number of schools planned to follow the flight using materials provided by the ESPN cable TV network. Hams were encouraged to share this flight with schools in their area by aiding schools in beacon reception. ESPN planned to cover the launch live with nightly reports during the flight. KB7JGM did not plan to attempt QSOs from the balloon due his full-time job of keeping EARTHWINDS aloft.

EARTHWINDS in its entirety consisted of a 140 foot tall zero-pressure helium balloon from which a 25 ft x 10 ft enclosed pressurized gondola hung. Below the gondola, a 100 ft diameter variable pressure compressed air balloon

acted as ballast. Several tanks of liquid helium were to provide replacement gas for helium lost during the flight. The journey was expected to take 11 to 22 days depending on windspeed.

This article is courtesy of SpaceNews which originates at KD2BD in Wall Township, New Jersey, USA. It is published every week and is made available for unlimited distribution.

Member Correspondence

Congratulations to Cindy Dean who recently received her new license and callsign N8VZX. Cindy reports that she is feeling fine after recovering from her recent surgery.

Deltona, Florida LARC member Robert Pacatelli plans to take his first amateur exam on December 5. Good luck Robert!

Mike Levine (N2QBN) has written to Ukrainian LARC member Serge Lysov. Members who would like to correspond with Serge can write him at PO Box 931, 257005 Cherkassy, Ukraine Rep.

Michael Prah (K9MP), who lives in North Hollywood, CA, found out about LARC when he read Wayne Green's comments about LARC in Monitoring Times. Michael promptly wrote Green and canceled his subscription to 73 Amateur Radio Today. Michael received one of Uncle Wayne's nasty little letters in reply. Seems as though Uncle Wayne enjoys sending sarcastic little notes to hams who write in to complain about his bigoted statements. Michael wrote to LARC for membership information and his letter included the following comments: "I am glad the Lambda Legal Defense Fund is helping this club in the suit against A.R.R.L. I have supported Lambda Legal Defense Fund in the past regarding the suit of Joseph Steffan, a former Naval Academy Midshipman who was discharged from the Navy just four weeks before his graduation and commissioning because he admitted he was gay. I also attended the Naval Academy (Class of 1977) and was discharged for being gay so I am interested in Joseph's case very much".

Eric (WA0KVD) sent in a copy of a news item concerning LARC and Wayne Green which appeared in Newsline Radio, Edition #57 and was repeated on the Radiosport! HamBBS in San Diego. Green calls the LARC action against the ARRL "incredibly stupid," according to the news item. Well, he ought to know.

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Derek (W4/G4JKE) spent a week in London in late November.

Charlie (WA4ITY) is in his second year of law school in Richmond, VA.

Jim (KK3K) and Dan leave for two weeks in Morocco on December 26. Through the courtesy of a ham friend in Morocco, Jim has obtained an amateur license CN2KK and he plans to operate on OSCAR 13 from Rabat, Morocco on Sunday evening UTC, December 27 provided he can gain access to a satellite station in Rabat. LARC members with OSCAR 13 capability should monitor the downlink frequency of 145.890 on December 27 in order to make a contact with Jim in Rabat.

Welcome New Members

Welcome aboard to the following new members of LARC: Lauren Gaunt (WB8RIV), Guilford, CT; Carl Nicholson (AB6MV), Fort Bragg, CA; Lisa Pearsall (UNL), McMinnville, TN; James Hamilton (WB4ZMK), Orlando, FL; Andrew Barreras (KB7EWG), Tempe, AZ; Cliff Porter (VE3PPZ), Mitchell, ONT; and Albert Walles (UNL), Panguitch, UT.

Chapter News

The Finger Lakes Chapter met over brunch on Sunday, October 18, 1992. It was decided that most future chapter meetings will take place on the third Friday of the month. Chapter President Dave (KE2GE) reported that the laser project is working successfully. The system will be modulated by audio and tested thoroughly prior to the demonstration scheduled for next summer's GAGV picnic.

It's Easy to Write for LNN

We can use your ideas, comments, and articles for the Lambda Net News. Here's your chance to put your 2¢ into print. It's easy!

LARC members always enjoy reading about the activities of other members like radio construction projects, traveling, and hobbies other than ham radio.

Submitting articles is easy! There are several ways to write your article. Remember that it can be short — you don't need to write a novel.

If you own a computer and use a word processor, write your story and send us the disk. We like WordPerfect or an ASCII text file. Be sure to not include any text formatting as our page layout software will do all of that for you. Don't forget to include a note telling us what word processor you used and what file format you used to save your story. It's easy!

If you subscribe to CompuServe or the GENie Information Service, you can send your story or notes electronically. On CompuServe send it to account number 75166,2506. On the GENie service, address it to D.BLEDSE. It's easy!

If you don't have a PC and word processor, just write your story out in longhand or make legible notes. We'll write the story from your notes. It's easy!

We want to hear from you! Don't forget to include photos as we'll soon be including photos in every issue — if you send them to us! So, be sure to pack that camera along on your trips to hamfests, your travels, or use it around the shack to capture pictures of you in action on the air. Be sure to include the other half, too! It's easy!

WD4IJV on the Road

by Philip (WD4IJV, Asheville, NC)

Philip (WD4IJV) and Ernest left October 5 bound for DC! We were taking a week of vacation, and since we hadn't been to any beach at all this year, we decided to go to Rehoboth Beach, DE. I had always wanted to go, and since we were going to be fairly close anyway ...

We spent Monday night in Norfolk VA, a really pretty city. (We have intentions of returning soon!) On Tuesday morning, we drove across the Chesapeake Bay Bridge/Tunnel complex — 21 miles in length — to the Eastern Shore of Virginia and Maryland. In about 3 hours we arrived in Rehoboth Beach. We hadn't made reservations — who needs beach reservations in October? — so we drove around looking at some of the guest houses and B&Bs. That wasn't quite what we were looking for, so we stayed in one of the local motels, quite reasonably priced and 3 blocks off the ocean. After checking in it was time to go exploring!

Rehoboth Beach has a worldwide reputation as a gay beach, although I recently met a man from San Francisco — a native of North Carolina — who had never heard of it. KK3K had told me that the south end of the mile-long boardwalk tended to be gay. It must have been a combination of the middle-of-the-week and off-season, because we never saw more than a few. Our motel clerk, who of course had a brother who was family, told us we might encounter some strange looks. He said the locals just don't care for gays, except in the summertime, when lavender money sings a different tune. I don't think anyone even noticed us. We saw very few gay men who live there year-round, but there were many lesbians all over town. Some of the gay-friendly establishments had closed for the winter. Be sure to

pick up a copy of the local gay/lesbian newsletter "Letters from Camp Rehoboth" at many shops or the Lambda Rising bookstore.

Even in the off-season, there was still plenty for us to see. A restaurant not to miss is Tijuana Taxi. We went to the local bar, Renegades, on Wednesday night, but only the lounge was open. There wasn't enough business to open the dance floor. Still, there were probably 15 to 20 men there over a 4 hour period. And these natives were very friendly! It was warm enough that we both got sunburns on Thursday, but it was still too damn cold to swim. It was quite comfortable with just shorts on on the beach for a few hours — mid 60s Tuesday and Wednesday and mid 70s Thursday. I'm sure that the place is hopping in the summertime! I noticed that even on Thursday the presence of gay men was more obvious and we left Friday morning, so I don't know about Friday night.

After a short 2 1/2 hour trip we arrived in DC where Mark (KC3XC) met us. We sat in his apartment, listening to Jim (KK3K) on 2 meters negotiate that brouhaha that passes for traffic in DC. During cocktails Don (WB6LYI) called so we all talked to him.

Friday night we had dinner at DuPont (read: Bouffant) Circle with Mark and Ted, Jim, and Nick (KA1MQX) and two of his friends. Downtown Atlanta at mid-day doesn't have as many people as were going thru DuPont at 10 on Friday night!

Saturday Mark took us on a car tour of downtown DC: the standard monuments plus Chinatown. We then parked at his work and took the Metro back to the Washington Monument.

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WD4IJV on the Road

The Metro subway system at the time drove me bonkers. I had no idea where we were or how to get there! I had it licked by Sunday night! It was beyond a crowd — a crush of people is a better word — between the Mall and Lincoln Memorial. Nick had been there several hours at the Quilt taking pictures, and Jim had recently gotten out of his AMSAT conference. I had seen the Quilt in '88 in Atlanta (and Ernest had never had), but I was still not prepared for the size. We walked around for about 1 1/2 hours and headed over to the Lincoln Memorial (neither Ernest nor I had been to DC before). Mark had to leave, so he met us there and we walked to a Metro station. About 3 blocks on the backside of the Lincoln Memorial, LARC member Frank N3JJW gave me call on 2 meters (he had just arrived), but as Mark had things to do I didn't get a chance to meet him, just talk briefly on the air. (Mark and Ted were leaving the next day for Honduras and they had to pack.)

We had dinner that night in Arlington VA. Ernest and I, Mark and Ted, Howard (W9BVD) and Bob, Jim (KK3K), Duane (K4UW) and Gary (KD4SRX ???), and Bob (KA8UHL)

and his sister Joyce (?) attended. After dinner, Mark, Ernest, and I went to a bar called "La Cage Aux Folies." Everything you may have heard about it is true — and more! We were there for about an hour.

After saying goodbye to Mark the next morning (Sunday) Ernest and I went to brave the subway system on our own. Success! We left the Supreme Court building, took a short tour of both sides of the Capitol Building, then walked 30,000 miles down the Mall to the Washington Monument, detouring to arrive at the front of the White House just as ACT-UP and Queer Nation were slowly being surrounded by the police after a demonstration! As luck would have it, about 15 minutes after we arrived at the Quilt, it started pouring! The sidewalks, subway station, and trains were even more packed than the Washington Monument the day before. We had to wait 30 minutes for a train. The first was the wrong one, the second looked like Tokyo at rush hour, and the next two were the wrong ones. We finally left Arlington, heading for home, at about 5 pm, arriving here at 1 am. I can't wait to go again!

LARC Paths Cross in North Carolina in September

by Philip (WD4IJV, Asheville, NC)

Philip WD4IJV and Ernest got LARC'd to death in early September! LARC member Keith (KA4PNO) and Philip went to the Shelby, NC Hamfest Sunday Sept. 6, where they met LARC members Hal (KD4BBB) and Chris (KC4WYA). After being there a couple of hours, all four went to lunch and Chris and Hal returned home. Philip helped give exams that day, so Keith returned to the hamfest flea market, where he picked up an old IBM portable PC.

When he and Philip returned to Asheville, they installed a serial board so that Keith could get on packet. While in the disassembly stage, the phone rang, and it was Bob (KA8UHL), in the area visiting his parents. He had arrived Saturday night and had called Philip on a local repeater on Sunday, but to no avail as Philip and Keith were at the hamfest. Bob made arrangements to have lunch in Asheville with Philip and Ernest on Monday, prior to visiting the Grove Park Inn and the Biltmore Estate. Keith had to return to Johnson City, TN Sunday night.

On Bob's arrival Monday, Philip and Ernest told him that he was about a week early as Don (WB6LYI) was arriving that

Saturday, September 12, the day after Bob planned to leave! Plans were made to meet Bob in Washington in October for the AIDS Quilt.

When Don arrived, we took him to Hickory, NC on Sunday for lunch with Hal (KD4BBB) and Chris (KC4WYA). All three then returned to Asheville where we went to Lake Lure, where "Dirty Dancing," "Firestarter," and parts of "Last of the Mohicans" were filmed. We then went to The Greenery (where Ernest works) for drinks and then to Boston Pizza (where Philip works) for dinner. We then took Don to the local bar, TRAXX and the rest of that story is best left to Don!

On Monday, Philip took Don on a sightseeing tour of the area. We went to Sliding Rock, Looking Glass Falls, and had lunch at the Pisgah Inn, right off the Blue Ridge Parkway. We then came back to Asheville, and said goodbye. Don had to get some work done — it was a business trip, after all!

So all in all it was an exhausting week, but lots of fun. It's always great to have fellow LARC members visit so you can show them the area. I want to do it again!

No-Code Tech License Study Materials Sought

If you've recently passed the new no-code Technician Class license exam and were wondering what to do with the left-over study materials, we've got a suggestion for you!

The LARC Lending Library is in need of new Technician study materials to lend to members who want to get the new license.

So, if you have study materials you'd like to donate to the LARC Lending Library, just pack them up and mail them to the club post office box. We'll see that they get put to good use!

Columnist Sought for Womens' View



With the large of women who have joined LARC in the past and a significant number in recent months, I believe it is time for an ongoing column about activities and issues relating to our women members. The Lambda Net News is currently seeking a lady member to act as a focal point for our ladies and to report on topics they want to discuss. Interested? Drop a note today to the NEWS address on page 2.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

March 8-15, 1993

"LARC Mystery OSCAR-13 DXpedition"

April 23-25, 1993

Dayton Hamvention & Annual LARC Membership Meeting
LARC members usually arrive one day early

LARC on GENie Information Service

That's right! Now LARC members can communicate a new way ... on the GENie Information Service. In the Radio & Electronics Roundtable (RT), the SysOp there, NASE, has created a private category just for LARC members. Here's an alternative place to meet outside of the usual net schedules. It's great for members who do not have HF capability, members who are not yet licensed and who want to keep in touch, and members who have had it with propagation woes.

Access is granted by Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI) only to LARC members and supporters. Getting access is as easy as 1-2-3 ...

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To make your access even easier, there is an automated message and file management software package called Aladdin. It's free! All you do is pay for the downloading time, which is about \$4. Contact Don (WB6LYI) or Mark (KC3XC) if you're having problems. It really makes everything a snap!

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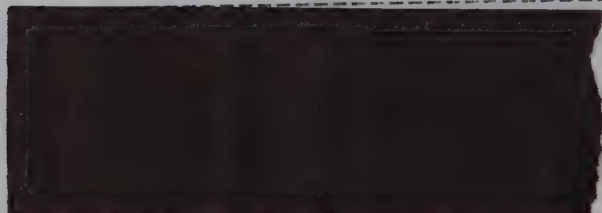
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Net Newsbits

by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

Connecticut Appoints LARC v. ARRL Investigator

The State of Connecticut Commission On Human Rights & Opportunities has appointed an official to investigate LARC's complaint against the ARRL alleging discrimination based on sexual orientation in violation of Connecticut state law barring such discrimination. In a letter to LARC dated October 6, 1992, Commission investigator Femi Bogle-Assegai wrote "I have been assigned to investigate the above referenced complaint (Case # 9210423). I am in the process of reviewing the contents of the case file. On/By November 2, 1992 I will contact you in order to schedule a mutually convenient time for us to meet regarding your allegations." In a related development, the fall issue (Vol. 9, No.2) of The Lambda Update, the newsletter of the Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund, profiled LARC's case on page 15. The newsletter is widely distributed to supporters and individuals and organizations interested in sexual minority and civil rights litigation. Copies of the newsletter can be obtained from LLDEF, 666 Broadway, 12th Flr., New York, NY 10012-2317.

LARC Members Converge in Washington, DC For AIDS Quilt

LARC members from several cities travelled to Washington, DC during the weekend of October 9-11 to view the AIDS Memorial Quilt which was on display on the Washington Mall in its entirety. Local LARC DC residents Howard (W9BVD) and Bob, Duane

(K4UW) and Gary, and Mark (KC3XC) and Ted hosted out-of-towners Nick (KA1MQX), Philip (WD4IJV) and Ernest, Bob (KA8UHL) and his sister, and Jim (KK3K). Informal LARC gatherings took place throughout the weekend and a dinner was held on Saturday evening. Quilt related events included a candlelight march on Saturday evening and a demonstration at the White House on Sunday.

This was the fourth time since 1987 that the quilt has been displayed in full and each time it has grown in size. The Quilt now has over 21,000 individual panels, each one dedicated to one or more individuals who has died of AIDS. The display stretched from the base of the Washington Monument to the Reflecting Pool and covered the width of the Mall. The weather was rainy on Friday but sunny and quite mild on Saturday. Hundreds of thousands of people viewed the quilt during the weekend.

Relatives and friends of the dead and activists read the names of those who have died throughout the weekend. Celebrities from politics and the entertainment world were in attendance. However, conspicuous by their absence were the "first family", the president and the first lady who chose to ignore the quilt just as they have ignored AIDS.

LARC OSCAR DXpedition Rerouted

The destination for the planned LARC OSCAR satellite DXpedition to the Caribbean next March has been changed. A surprise DXpedition operation was conducted from the island-nation of St.

The "Seat" of English Ham Rallies

by Andrew Prior

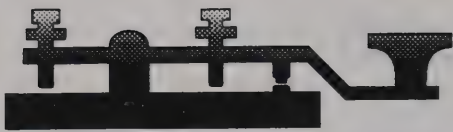
(G6HEL, North Oxfordshire, England)

The summer not only brings thoughts of fine weather and holidays, but for hams, it is also the main rally season. This year we chose to attend two rallies in Southern England which had a slightly aristocratic flavour.

The last weekend in June has for the past 35 years been Longleat weekend for many hams in the U.K. The "seat" of the Marquess of Bath and with grounds landscaped by Capability Brown, Longleat was one of the first English country house to open to the public. An extensive Elizabethan mansion, to which much has been added, attracts the "guests." It was the late Marquess who conceived the idea of a safari park as a means to pay the large death dues and assisting in the renovation of the house. Today a butterfly garden, fishing lakes and even a Dr. Who (BBC science fiction character) exhibition are all part of the attraction.

Sunday is official rally day, but many turn up on the Saturday and camp overnight to get an early start the next morning. We chose to drive down from North Oxfordshire on the Sunday, a journey of about 2 hours. With Peter's car off the road we enlisted the help of our friend, Ian, to act as chauffeur. Apart from this, Ian had not been to Longleat before.

Leaving at about 10:00 am on a very sunny morning, we drove south through Oxfordshire and on through Wiltshire,



President's Key

by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

President, LARC

The other day I saw several packet messages having to do with JOTA. Do you know what JOTA is? It is the Jamboree On The Air, an event involving hams and the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America. It is supposed to foster friendship and good will between scouts in different areas and different countries, and give them the opportunity to communicate with each other. Sounds like a good idea doesn't it? But when I see notices about JOTA, I'm not interested in participating or helping out with this activity. What I'd really like to do is post a packet message criticizing the event and pointing out why hams should not cooperate with the Boy and Girl Scouts.

The problem is that the officials who run scouting have said that the "moral values" associated with scouting preclude membership in the scouts of gay and lesbian youths, and young people who do not profess a belief in god. In other words, some children, OUR CHILDREN are not welcome in scouting; they are somehow not moral enough because of their natural sexual orientation. In this day and age, they think they can still get away with this. Could you imagine the outcry that would ensue if they had decided that black children or jewish children or some other arbitrary classification of children be excluded? It would never stand. And we must ensure that this injustice does not stand either. I reject the defense of the scouts advanced by some that, as a "private" organization they can exclude whomever they wish. Their policy is bigoted and just plain wrong. We hams should not help out with the Jamboree On The Air until ALL children are welcome to participate in scouting. de KK3K

The "Seat" of English Ham Rallies

passing Thruxton Motor Racing Circuit and Stonehenge, an ancient monument built around 3000 to 2000 B.C. We continued on towards Longleat which is located in a "hollow," on the western edge of Salisbury Plain not far from Warminster.

Approaching the grounds we were directed to the appropriate entrance to pay our dues along with a host of cars adorned with the widest variety of antennae. It is easy to spot the "real" enthusiasts for mobile operation. Being the only ham in our party I was instantly quizzed by Peter and Ian as to what all the different aerials were for. After all an aerial is just an aerial isn't it?! Along with the usual verticals for VHF and UHF, a gamma matched halo for 50 MHz was spotted as well as a variety of helicals for HF. The most unusual has to be the slotted waveguide for 10 GHz. A beacon keeper monitoring his "baby," perhaps?

Once into grounds we drove the few miles of private drive, dropping down several hundred feet, to the site of the rally beside Longleat. We parked up under the shade of a large tree, for the sunny morning had turned into a very hot day. By now it was mid-day so we broke out the picnic basket, ground sheet and chilled white wine. It was not long before I was being called on SU20 by old friends and our lunch party grew from 3 to about 9.

After what turned out to be a very civilised lunch it was time to venture forth and see what was left of the bargains. Six large marquees had been erected in a circle, to house the bring and buy, the traders and the traditional beer stand. In the middle of the "corral" we found smaller traders and a number of refreshment stalls. Each tent was heaving with eager hams looking for that elusive component or eyeing up that new rig, at times it was unbearable. "Train spotters!" remarked Ian jokingly commenting on the eager hams that surrounded him.

As with so many of these events they have become a mix of radio, audio and computers. After having a good look around I decided which my personal bargains were to be and went off to spend some pennies. The "G-QRP Club Circuit Handbook," a kit for a 14 MHz receiver and a few components made up the swag.

By this time it was getting late in the afternoon and very hot, due to being down in a sun trap, so we decided it was time to make our way back to Oxfordshire. Setting off we found the one way system took us in front of the house and down the main drive, giving us a wonderful view.

We had to wait until the first Sunday in August for our next "aristocratic" rally.

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Lucia in conjunction with the CQ World Wide DX contest held in October. Therefore, it was necessary to choose a different location for the planned LARC DXpedition. Another DXpedition alternative, Trinidad and Tobago, was also active on OSCAR 13 in October when a local resident came on-line with his own satellite station. Due to the limited number of satellite operators worldwide, once a country has been activated at least once, it is no longer in demand and no longer a viable DXpedition location. LARC DXpedition coordinator Don (WB6LYT) has decided to keep the destination for LARC's DXpedition a secret in the hope that LARC members will have the opportunity to "put a new one" on the satellite next March. This will also generate a lot of excitement in the satellite DX world. LARC DXpeditioners are requested not to reveal the destination prior to the actual start of the operation from our secret destination.

ARRL Does About Face On HF Automatic Forwarding

The ARRL Digital Committee has reacted to the storm of protest over their recent recommendation to end automatic digital forwarding on HF by doing a complete about face. After a meeting with representatives of the digital community, the Committee is now prepared to recommend continued automatic forwarding be permitted and that such permission be formalized by the FCC. The following message (ARLB093) was issued by Newington on September 29:

"QST de W1AW

To all radio amateurs:

On September 26 the ARRL Digital Committee met in Dallas with five representatives of the present HF automatic-forwarding STA networks, to discuss ways to continue the existing forwarding networks while protecting the interests of other users of the bands. The participants noted the IARU Region 2 digital band plan which was adopted September 4 in Curacao. This international agreement opened the door to reconsideration of recent recommendations of the Committee to the ARRL Board of Directors. The committee recommends that the part of the IARU Region 2 band plan providing for digital forwarding be incorporated into the U.S. regulations. The ARRL board will consider this recommendation as a potential petition for rule making to the FCC. The committee also recommended that the ARRL request an extension of the current STA for the period during which new rules are under consideration. In concert with the recommendation, which would allow automatic operation while providing rules to protect nonautomatic users of the bands, the group formulated a tentative voluntary band plan for the digital parts of the MF and HF bands. Interested parties are encouraged to comment on the tentative band plan, which will be made widely available. The participants agreed that the changing nature of the digital state of the art requires that periodic review of national and international band plans be made. The committee pledges to work with all segments of the digital community to suggest such changes to the band plans as may be needed in the future". Tom Clark (W3IWI), one of the participants in the meeting representing the digital community had the following comments: "Those attending the meeting in Dallas were: ARRL Digital Committee: W5TOO (chairman), W5SMM, WA8DRZ, AD7I & W6IWO, ARRL Board Liaison N5TC and ARRL HQ Representative KE3Z. HF STA Representatives: W3IWI (spokesman), WORLI, WA0CQG, KD7XG & AD8I. The preceding text (ARLB093) was agreed as a brief statement of what happened. More news will follow later as the detailed report from the Digital Committee to the ARRL Board is prepared. The meeting, while intense, showed total cooperation by all the participants. The emphasis was that all the digital modes (RTTY, AMTOR, PACKET and newly developing technology) would sink or swim together and that we needed a scheme that would support orderly developments for the next 10-20 years. The big breakthrough was possible because all parties WANTED an amiable solution, and because of the development of the IARU Region 2 Digital Bandplan at the Sept. 4th meeting in Curacao".

New Fall Oscar 13 Transponder Schedule

Oscar 13 has been successfully reoriented for the fall season and is now offering excellent communications opportunities to amateurs all around the world. The new transponder schedule is:

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|-----------|-----------|--------|--------------------------------|
| Mode-B : | MA 0 to | MA 130 | from 1992 Sep 21 - Nov 23 |
| Mode-S : | MA 130 to | MA 140 | S transponder; B trsp. is OFF! |
| Mode-LS : | MA 140 to | MA 145 | S beacon + L transponder |
| Mode-JL : | MA 145 to | MA 160 | This schedule operates |
| Mode-B : | MA 160 to | MA 256 | every orbit, every day. |
| Omni : | MA 235 to | MA 30 | Blon/Blat is 180/0 |

Amateurs will characteristically have access to Oscar 13 and thereby to other amateurs around the country and the world during two orbits each day for periods of up to 6 to 8 hours per orbit! A good first step into the world of amateur satellites for those with access to a computer is to obtain a satellite tracking program such as InstantTrack offered by AMSAT. Hams can even copy some satellite downlinks with their HTs!

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Chapter News

Attention LARC Chapters! Yearly LARC membership renewals will soon be mailed to the membership. LARC will once again offer reduced rate dues to members of affiliated chapters, that is, those affiliated chapters with their own dues structures.

LARC encourages all chapters to formally affiliate with the international club. Affiliation can be instituted or renewed each year in conjunction with annual LARC membership renewals. Your chapter can affiliate or renew its affiliation with LARC if you have at least three or more members in your chapter. In order to affiliate or renew your affiliation you will need to designate a chapter member to act as liaison to LARC. You will be asked to provide contact information for the LARC chapter directory published in the Lambda Net News. Your chapter will be responsible for collecting and submitting reduced rate dues for your members. In order to affiliate or renew your affiliation, at least 50% (Half) of your chapter members must also be members of LARC. Further information and an application for formal affiliation will be mailed soon to the three LARC chapters currently operating in a formal manner: the Golden Gate Chapter; the Hollywood Chapter; and the Finger Lakes Chapter. Other chapters wishing to formally affiliate should contact LARC for additional information and an application for formal affiliation. The Finger Lakes Chapter had a dinner meeting on September 21, 1992. Chapter president Dave (KE2GE) now has the chapter roster on a computer database. Dave also purchased a helium-neon laser at the Buffalo hamfest for use in future chapter demo tables. The Golden Gate chapter had their final business meeting of the year on Thursday, October 8. Election of chapter officers was slated for this meeting. Members planned to attend the Pacific Division ARRL Convention on the weekend of Oct. 16/17/18. Pot luck dinners have been slated for November 14 and December 12. The Hollywood Chapter newsletter now includes a photo spread! Chapter president Rick (K6VE) editorialized on "A New Beginning" and the newsletter included coverage of various chapter activities during recent months. Meetings are now scheduled quarterly rather than monthly. The next meeting is scheduled for November 15.

Member Correspondence

James (G4ILW) has moved to London to accept a new position with his employer, Apple Computers. Congratulations, James! Stuart (G0BEV) will continue to distribute the Lambda Net News to members of the LARC UK/EU chapter, and Stuart will manage chapter affairs until James is situated in London. Stuart has suggested a 20 meter transatlantic schedule on 14.315 at 01:00 UTC Monday morning (Sunday evening, USA time). He will also monitor and attempt to check into established LARC nets on Sundays. LARC members are reminded to listen for Stuart on all of the Sunday nets. To recap, regarding LARC transatlantic skeds:

A. Stuart will listen on our Sunday 19:30Z 15m net. We will need to listen for him.

B. Stuart is suggesting a 20m sked at 01:00 UTC on a convenient evening - he mentioned Sunday. I assume he means Sunday evening at 8 pm EST. Stuart would like to use 14.315, not 14.325 due to local QRM.

C. Stuart will also listen on the established 10 and 15 meter 15:00 and 15:15 UTC nets on Sunday.

Incidentally, you can send packet mail to Stuart at G0BEV @ GB7SCA.#44.GBR.EU.

Get Well wishes are extended to Ohio LARC member Cindy Dean who underwent surgery on October 8. Cindy recently passed her Technician Class test and is waiting for her license. Congratulations and get well soon Cindy!

Bill's (N7MNT) significant other David has received his ham ticket. His call is N7YZZ. Congratulations David!

New Key West resident Steve (KD6ZZ) checked into the LARC nets from the QTH of Derek (W4/G4JKE) on September 27.

Brian DeWitt now has his new call: N8VTA! Phonetics? Very Talented Amateur?

Miscellany

The Genie computer service continues to host a lively exchange concerning LARC, the ARRL and Wayne Green.

The Swedish Government recently released a report directly linking ELF (extremely low frequency) energy with childhood leukemia. Magnetic fields associated with power lines were once again implicated.

VHF Antennas for a Buck or Less

by Tom Hendrix (K14ZN, Winter Springs, FL)

Have you often found it is difficult to hit a local repeater using your HT's rubber duck antenna, or even a telescoping TV type antenna? Using the cheap, easy to build ground plane verticals that follow should provide some relief and I suspect that some enterprising, traveling LARC member will devise a portable version using clips instead of soldering the ground plane.

The only materials you'll need are some wire coat hangers and an SO-239 coax connector (female, like on the back of your rig). For a more esoteric alternative, use 12 gauge solid copper wire in place of the coat hanger wire. You'll find it easier to solder also.

Cut 5 pieces of wire to 19 3/4 inches for 2 meters or 6 5/8 inches for 440 MHz. You may want to make one element a bit longer so a loop can be made if you want to attach a line to hang

the vertical from a tall tree, ceiling, or over the railing in a hotel room balcony.

Sharpen the end of the vertical element and force it into the center connector of the SO-239 and solder it into place. Make a loop in the ends of the four remaining radials and attach them to the four mounting holes on the corners. Bend the radials down from the horizontal plane to a 45 degree angle. Solder into place. A large soldering iron or gun is required in order to heat the connections sufficiently to melt the solder.

Attach a good coax feedline such as RG-213. The normal PL-259 plugs can be fitted to your HT with a BNC-to-UHF adapter. Your VSWR (voltage standing wave ratio) should be in acceptable limits but you may want to check with a SWR bridge just to be safe.

Have fun and don't burn your fingers!

The "Seat" of English Ham Rallies

Woburn Abbey was founded in 1145 and, like so many others, fell into the hands of the monarchy at the dissolution of the monasteries in the 16th century. It was to the Dukes of Bedfordshire that the abbey was passed at this time. Set in 3000 acres of park, landscaped by Humphrey Repton, the abbey was transformed in the 18th century into a stately mansion.

Situated about 7 miles south east of the new city of Milton Keynes and only a few miles from Junction 13 of the M1 motorway. Woburn is much closer to home than Longleat. The journey took just over an hour from North Oxfordshire. We chose to make this a Sunday morning event and with our car back on the road there was no need to call on Ian (anyway he been to Woburn before!).

Upon entering the grounds your eye immediately catches sight of the classical style stables and to one side a large half timbered lodge which is surrounded by a haw-haw. The one way system takes you along the old carriage drive in front of the house. Passing through rolling park land, past numerous fishing lakes and roaming deer. Sweeping around the back of the house we find the rally site and car park.

Organised by the Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB) the rally is about a quarter of the size of Longleat. This in some

senses made it a much nicer affair as it was not as crowded. Only two large marquees and the beer tent made up the event. The larger proportion of traders seemed to be devoted to components, ex-PMR equipment and kits. More local clubs were represented and one stand included an exhibition of the 144 MHz beacon, GB3LER.

So what goodies were purchased this time? A 6 element ZL special and some RU67 coax for the 432 MHz packet station. But being given away were waterproof emergency beacons as used by aircraft pilots. What use could one of these be put to? Peter got several reels of insulating tape and a bag containing a wide variety of nuts and bolts.

It was now noon and we decided to make our way home, this time via the Milton Keynes "drive thru" to pick up Sunday lunch!

Neither Woburn or Longleat are as big as the likes of Dayton but both have an added attraction which, if you are visiting the U.K., can allow the combination of hobby with sightseeing and a fun day out.

Andrew, G6HEL @ GB7AVM.#49.GBR.EU

LARC Renewals Are Due — Send Yours in Today

No-Code Tech License Study Materials Sought



If you've recently passed the new no-code Technician Class license exam and were wondering what to do with the left-over study materials, we've got a suggestion for you! The LARC Lending Library is in need of new Technician study materials to lend to members who want to get the new license. We do have materials for other classes of amateur license, in case you were thinking about upgrading or know of a member who is looking to pass a higher class license exam.

So, if you have study materials you'd like to donate to the LARC Lending Library, just pack them up and mail them to the club post office box. We'll see that they get put to good use!

LARC "Packetized"

by Russell (KC6ZKM, Hayward, CA)

I examined the July membership roster and found some interesting statistics ... 36% of the total membership is currently on packet, 42% of non-U.S. members are on packet, and nearly 100% of the Golden Gate Chapter is on packet. It seems like a rather high interest in packet for a non-computer based organization. It would be interesting to have people that are members of other clubs compare our statistics against theirs to see if we are, indeed, above the average. For example, I'm also a member of the Hayward Radio Club and only about 20% of the members are on packet.

Another little item of interest ... out of the 14 members on "Ø"-land, none are on packet — why is that?

Columnist Sought for Womens' View



With the large of women who have joined LARC in the past and a significant number in recent months, I believe it is time for an ongoing column about activities and issues relating to our women members. The Lambda Net News is currently seeking a lady member to act as a focal point for our ladies and to report on topics they want to discuss. Interested? Drop a note today to the NEWS address on page 2.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

March 8-15, 1993 "LARC Mystery OSCAR-13 DXpedition"

April 23-25, 1993 Dayton Hamvention & Annual LARC Membership Meeting
LARC members usually arrive one day early

Don't Forget to Vote!

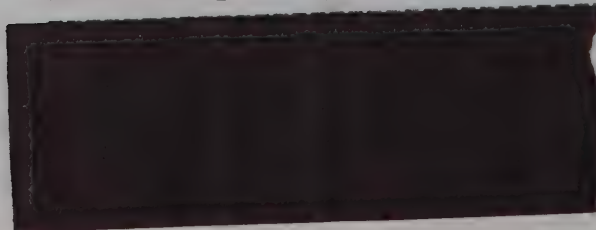
**If you've not mailed your LARC Election
Ballot, please do so TODAY!**

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by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

LARC Election Underway

Ballots listing the names of all candidates running for LARC elected office for the 1993-4 term are included with this issue of the Lambda Net News. Several candidates submitted statements in support of their candidacy. Members can read these statements elsewhere in this issue of the newsletter. LARC members should cast their votes for the candidates of their choice and return their ballots to Larry (WB9LOZ) and Bill (K9AT) who have agreed to tabulate the results of this year's election. Mail completed ballots to: Larry Kenney and Bill Choisser, 4145 21st Street, San Francisco, CA 94114-2710. Completed ballots must be returned by December 1, 1992 to be counted as valid.

Chicago Area Ham Newsletter Supports LARC



The Voice of Ham Reason, (VOHR), a Chicago based newsletter for hams published an article in support of LARC in the matter of LARC's attempts to advertise for members in QST. In the June, 1992 issue of the VOHR, the editors wrote "It took a century for the Declaration (of Independence) to be applied to

the slaves and blacks. That it has taken TWO centuries for the gays and lesbians to be noticed does not in any way disenfranchise them from the protection of the Declaration of 1776 ... which obviously included the gays and lesbians as "created" equal with all other persons. It is that declared equality which should assure gays/lesbians equal treatment under the laws and freedom from

discrimination." On the matter of ARRL policy toward LARC, the VOHR editors quoted the ARRL statement of purpose published in each issue of QST and asked "Where does that permit discrimination against gay and lesbian amateur radio operators because of their sexual preferences which, apparently, they may not even be able to help?" The VOHR also criticized Westlink Report publisher Burt Hicks (WB6MQV) for citing the Bible in defense of the ARRL's refusal to run LARC's ad. "Aside from the fact that quoting the Scriptures appeals to emotions rather than to reason and surely (is) contraindicated in this matter, is that its interjection into League affairs is highly divisive and thus could be deadly. Hicks also misquoted the First Amendment by stating that it provided protection to League members "from helping to advocate a position most of them find repulsive." There just isn't any such philosophy expressed in that Amendment". In a letter to LARC president Jim (KK3K), VOHR editor/publisher Karl Kopetzky (K9AQJ) wrote "We sympathize with your position." The VOHR is planning to publish a follow-up article in response to the large volume of mail, both pro and con, that they received in response to their June article on LARC v. the ARRL. The VOHR is published "Now & Then or as the Occasion Demands" and is distributed free by Karl Kopetzky & Associates, 3619 N. Lamon Avenue, Chicago, IL 60641. The publisher/editor is Karl A. Kopetzky (K9AQJ) and the associate editor is Roger A. Baim (WB9BDP).

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WM2D Qualifies in CQ World Wide DX Contest

by Rick (WM2D, New York, NY)

Rick (WM2D) will be awarded a certificate by CQ Magazine for taking first place in the low power category for the 2nd call district during the 1991 CQ World Wide DX SSB Contest. The results were published in the September issue:

Total Score: 422,712
QSOs: 537
Zones: 83
Countries: 226

The class of operation was all bands at 100 watts output. QSOs were logged on 80, 40, 20, 15, and meters. Due to antenna space restrictions, no 160 meter operation was possible. Rick's winning score was achieved despite a lack of multipliers for that band. Equipment used included a Kenwood TS-940, Telex/Hy-Gain TH-3Jr (3 element short-boom Yagi at 85 feet), and a G5RV for 40 and 80 meters.

See WM2D ... on page 2

Travel Club: Last Chance!

Here's a reminder ... there's just a moment left to make arrangements to go with Wayne (AI9Q) and the gang on an exciting vacation trip to Breckenridge, CO. The trip starts October 10 and the cost is only \$165 per week plus expenses. See the July NEWS or call Wayne at 800-972-0301 for more information.



President's Key

by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

President, LARC

The anti-gay and lesbian venom spewing forth from the podium in Houston at the Republican national convention should have been a political call to arms for every gay man and lesbian in this country. Any student of recent world history should have shuddered at the calls for a religious holy war directed at gays, lesbians, poor people, blacks, drug users, homeless people, women and others. We are reliving the hateful experience of those who watched right wing extremists rise to power in Germany during the 1930s. The parallel is inescapable. The Republican party, now under the domination of religious right wing extremists, is a present day reincarnation of the National Socialist (Nazi) party of Germany in the 1930s! All of the elements are present: economic hard times, scapegoating of minorities, the rise of political demagogues such as Pat Buchanan, and even the deaths of thousands of people already due to the politically motivated government neglect of AIDS.

In light of these ominous developments, it is evident to me that the Republican party and George Bush must be defeated. I last voted for a Democratic party presidential candidate in 1972 when I voted for George McGovern. Since that time I have voted for various third party candidates because the Democratic party moved to the right and back into the smoke filled rooms after the McGovern defeat. The party abandoned gays and lesbians as well as other minorities. Carter, Mondale and Dukakis did nothing to earn the support of gays and lesbians. Clinton also has serious faults as far as gay and lesbian issues are concerned. He does not support the legalization of same sex relationships; he would allow the Boy Scouts to continue to discriminate against us; his record AIDS and lesbian and gay issues in Arkansas, which has a sodomy law on the books, is not good; and he dumped on an AIDS activist for the cameras earlier this year. Still, he has stated that he would end the U.S. military's ban on lesbian and gay soldiers; he mentioned gays in his nationally televised acceptance speech in July, and the Democratic party platform is gay and lesbian positive. The Democrats are far from perfect on lesbian and gay issues as usual and I'm not thrilled with them. But this time I've decided to work for a Democratic party victory because, for the first time in history, we gays and lesbians are a major issue in the campaign, and the difference between the two major political parties on our issue is clear cut.

With the end of the cold war, right wing extremists no longer have the "red scare" to use to terrorize the gullible average American and to "bait" their enemies by calling them "commies." But red baiting tactics have already been replaced by gay and lesbian baiting. The Bush campaign and in particular Dan Quayle, is using gay and lesbian baiting to attempt to frighten the public and attack the Democrats. And they will be successful unless gays and lesbians fight the use of this tactic with everything we've got. We must come out. This is now more important than it ever has been. We must be visible. We must be vocal. We must be persuasive. We must unite to defeat the present day reincarnation of the nazi mentality so blatantly personified by Bush, Quayle, Buchanan and the Republicans. And gay and lesbian Republicans must cease to be collaborators with those who would destroy us all.

Finally, we must keep Bill Clinton's feet to the fire. We must not allow him to back away from his stated support for and end to discrimination against gays and lesbians. And when he's elected we've got to insist that he and the Democratic party live up to their commitments to our community. de KK3K

WM2D Qualifies in CQ DX Contest

The 1991 contest was the first year CQ Magazine established the new low power category, thus making the levels of competition more equitable. Until then, 100 watt stations had to contend with the big guns running up to 1500 watts.

Rick's QTH is Greenwich Village in New York City, NY. His antennas are atop a six story apartment building. From the roof are views of the Empire State Building to the north and the World Trade Center to the south. These famous skyscrapers tower the powerful transmitting facilities for all the major TV and FM stations. Also within close range, several other DXers are active on HF just a few blocks away. Manhattan is alive with RF and operating there is quite a unique challenge!

So, if you're wondering how well your rig and antennas are doing, why not give contesting a try this fall? The CQ World Wide DX Contests are scheduled for October 24-25 (SSB) and November 28-29 (CW). 73 ... and see you in the pileups!

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Membership Roster

Membership rosters are published several times each year and will be inserted into an issue of the LAMBDA NET NEWS. This summarized roster lists basic member information.

If you'd like to receive a highly detailed, in-depth listing of each member, just send a 9" x 12" self-addressed envelope with \$1.90 postage affixed and a custom printed roster will be on its way to you. This way, you can have an updated roster as often as you'd like and LARC will not be sending rosters to anyone who doesn't want one.

Mail your request TODAY to:

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LARC Chapter Directory

City of Brotherly Love (COBL) Chapter

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Serves Phila. metro area including S. Jersey, N. Delaware, and Maryland.
Meetings every 6-8 weeks. No dues.
Note: Chapter presently inactive.

Finger Lakes Chapter

Contact: Irv (AF2K)
515 Drumm Rd.
Webster, NY 14580
(716) 671-4430

or contact:

Dave (KE2GE)
80 Campfire Rd. N.
Henrietta, NY 14457
(716) 359-3337

Serves western and central NY state.
Meetings 3rd Friday each month for dinner/meeting. Dues are \$5 per year.

Golden Gate Chapter

Contact: Kit Brown, President
P.O. Box 14073
San Francisco, CA 94114
(415) 863-1196

Serves San Francisco Bay area. Meetings monthly on 2nd Thursday at 8 PM. Dues are \$15 per year. Note: Additional social events are frequently scheduled.

Hollywood Chapter

Contact: Rick Fearn (K6VE), President
P.O. Box 65643
Los Angeles, CA 90065
(213) 256-6556

Serves southern California. Meetings are quarterly on weekends on announced schedule. Dues. Note: Field trips and outings are often scheduled.

Personal Stuff

I would like to correspond with any LARC members who are or were nightclub D.J.s or who collect modern dance music. Write or call —

Robert Baker, WA2IEK
262 40th Street
Irvington, NJ 07111-1149
(201) 374-9631

Would like to meet ham (or aspiring ham) for friendship and possible relationship.

Dale A. Clark, WA0CFQ
Box 668
Wellsville, KS 66092
(913) 883-4090

(Leave message on machine if I'm out.)

I would like to share my home and expense with a compatible ham.

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It's Time For a Change

by Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI, Long Beach, CA)

Vice President, LARC

In this issue of the NEWS, you'll find information about some of the candidates running for a LARC office. I applaud their spirit and desire to make LARC a better club. I should also tell you that I am not seeking re-election as an officer in LARC. The reason: it's time for a change.

I believe that new ideas will be needed to take the club from its formative years and into the future. To do that, we need to groom new talent so that there is continuity in the management of the club over the long haul. The only way I know to do that is to step aside and encourage others to "pick up the ball and run with it." In addition, I don't want LARC to be nicknamed "Jim & Don's Club." It's not — and it shouldn't be so named. Lastly, I think I have pretty well maximized my contributions to the club as vice president. I was there to help get LARC on its way, along with many others who do not receive recognition for their early contributions. Now, it's time for a change.

There are some things I have been wanting to do in my capacity as newsletter editor and public relations person, but have not had the time to do, due to my obligations as vice president. First, I want to devote more effort into promoting LARC. There have been ideas for things like posters for local community centers, developing programming for gay radio/television, developing an informational video about LARC, foreign advertising, working on co-op advertising programs for local chapters, investigating running advertising in gay media like Frontiers or The Advocate, and many others. To work on any of these requires time.

So, not seeking office has the benefit of both allowing me to accomplish more while encouraging participation in managing LARC and adding to the perspective of the Executive Committee. I am proud of what has been accomplished so far and I know there is much to do and many successes to be savored. I am eagerly looking forward to making new contributions to LARC; so ... it's time for a change.

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W5YI Report Covers LARC Ad cancellation By 73 Amateur Radio

The August 15, 1992 issue of the W5YI Report (Vol. 14 Issue #16) quoted from LARC president Jim's (KK3K) editorial in the August issue of the Lambda Net News in reporting on the cancellation of LARC's ad by 73 Amateur Radio and the bigoted comments of 73 publisher Wayne Green (W2NSD/1). This coverage insured that Green's bigoted comments will receive widespread attention. It also reflects the fact that and developments relative to LARC's difficulties with certain elements of the straight ham population are of continuing interest to the general ham population.

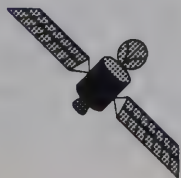
LARC Participates in 1993 Lesbian & Gay March on Washington



LARC President Jim (KK3K) has asked LARC member Bob (KA8UHL) of Cleveland, OH to act as coordinator for LARC's participation in the historic Third National March on Washington for Lesbian & Gay Rights, which is slated for April 25, 1993. LARC plans to be an official sponsor of the March and plans to sponsor a contingent in the March. While the date for the March conflicts with the 1993

Dayton Hamvention which is set for April 23, 24 & 25, 1993, a number of LARC members have already indicated that they plan to attend the March. LARC members planning to attend the March are asked to advise Bob (KA8UHL) that they plan to participate in the March. Please contact Bob Laycock (KA8UHL), P.O. Box 91757, Cleveland, OH 44101-3757.

HF Conditions Dismal, Satellite Conditions Great!



Conditions on the low bands have deteriorated noticeably in the past several months. Recent solar events have also contributed to very poor conditions on the HF bands. Hopefully conditions will improve with the onset of fall (if the propagation faerie is in a good mood). Meanwhile, satellite operations remain unaffected by cyclic,

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seasonal and solar event type effects. Conditions on OSCAR 13 have been very good even with less than optimal summertime off-pointing (squint) angles. Magnetorquing (adjusting satellite position) of OSCAR 13 is set for mid September and will result in excellent conditions on the bird for fall, winter and spring. Now is the time to trade in or sell your HF gear and get on OSCAR 13!

How To Get The Most From Your LARC Membership

LARC exists in part to provide the opportunity for our members to network with each other and meet other gay and lesbian hams. However, the LARC national organization cannot do it all; it's up to you take the initiative in your area to meet other LARC members. LARC provides membership rosters to its membership at least twice a year. If you're a long time member, why not take a look at the roster and take the time to introduce yourself to other LARC members who live nearby? Local LARC chapters should be sure to contact new members and invite them to participate in chapter events. If you're a new member, you may be able to join one of the established LARC chapters in several cities, and you can also use the roster to introduce yourself to LARC members who live in your area. You can organize a LARC get-together at a local hamfest, a get-acquainted brunch or a picnic. If you're travelling, write to other LARC members living where you're visiting. With a little effort, you can make the most of your LARC membership and make many new gay and lesbian ham friends!

Member Correspondence



LARC members are continuing to write the ARRL and 73 Amateur Radio to protest the discrimination and homophobia of both organizations.

Bud (KC6WIE) of Yolo, CA wrote to ARRL President George Wilson III (W4OYI) declining to renew his membership in the League: "I find your discrimination toward members to be intolerable and detestable....The day you decided not to run my advertisement promoting my membership in another club just because the club had members of a different orientation, you trod upon the rights of all your members. How dare you presume because I am a member of ARRL that I am straight....I am proud of my membership in Lambda Amateur Radio Club and I am even prouder that I am GAY".

Dominic (KD6EDJ) of Garden Grove, CA wrote to Wayne Green: "Lambda is not causing any of this hoopla. We are just being pushed and shoved into these corners by idiotic actions from organizations such as yours and QST. How can you be considered a professional person with some of the remarks you have made? I find your opinions on this matter to be really low, cheap and stupid. Between you and QST I don't know who's the bigger bigot. It's a hard one to call, but I would say that it's pretty neck and neck even between the both of you"....Both you and QST can do yourselves, and others a big favor — just grow up!"

LARC vice president Don (WB6LYI) of Long Beach, CA had to make a quick exit from Miami on Sunday, August 23 to get out of harm's way as hurricane Andrew approached. Don was in Miami on business but he left town when his scheduled activities were cancelled. Don drove north to the QTH of Tom (KI4ZN) and Dick near Orlando to wait out the storm.

LARC member Derek (W4/G4JKE) has now moved to a small cottage in Key West. Derek reported on the LARC net that Key West escaped severe damage from hurricane Andrew.

Speaking of Key West, LARC member Steve (KD6ZZ) is relocating to Key West so LARC will have two members who are residents of the popular gay resort town!

Dale (WA0CFQ) is anxiously awaiting the completion of his new house. Any volunteers to help Dale move all of those boat anchors?

Get well wishes to LARC member Dick Ramey of Winter Springs, FL who has recently been hospitalized for surgery. We understand that Dick is home and doing better.

LARC UK/EU member Stuart (G0BEV) of Newcastle, UK is also doing much better after surgery earlier this year. Stuart and his lover had a nice trip to France in August and spent two weeks in Rhodes in September. Stuart can be reached on packet at GB7PLX.

Larry (WB9LOZ) and Bill (K9AT) who live in San Francisco drove through Oregon, Washington State, Idaho, Montana, North and South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah and Nevada on their summer holiday. Larry and Bill spent a few days with Richard (KA7FYC) in Montana and succeeded in getting Richard into packet radio. Richard's PBBS is KD7HP.#MSO.MT.

Rob (N4YGG) who lives in Sacramento would like some assistance in setting up his computer for packet radio. He is running a 386SX/20 laptop. How about it? Anyone willing to give Rob a hand?

Rick (WM2D) of New York City finished first in the CQ WW DX contest in the low power category for the second call area district. Congratulations Rick!

Bob (WA2EIK) of Irvington, NJ writes: "I'm back in electronics after a five year tour of duty in my employer's sales dept. testing and some debugging of CMOS/Microcontroller based widgets!...I'm continuing as a part time student at Kean College....I'm also still spinning dance music twice a month at a local restaurant/bar...I send my best wishes out to all members of our most unique radio club!"

Welcome New Members



Welcome to the following new members of LARC who have joined within the past several months: Larry Dean (KC6NVL) of Los Angeles; Tom Williams (N0GQD) of Dallas, TX; Janet Munday (KD6FFG) of Irvine, CA; Steve Goldfarb (AA3AE) of Wallingford, PA; Cindy Dean (UNL) of Greenville, OH;

Michael Cushman (N2PSS) of Lisbon, NY; Jack Mann (WB8OJW) of San Francisco; Frank Astalosh (N3JJW) of Newark, DE; Keith Lee (N0LSL) of Aurora, CO; Bill Carr (N0RFB) of Denver, CO; Sally Dawson (KA8UVQ/1) of E. Winthrop, ME; Raymond Tremblay (WZ2K) of New York City; David Dean (N8NSA) of Greenville, OH; Mary Davis (N9NFV) of Oak Park, IL; Lester Hagelgans (N3MPG) of Wagontow, PA; Roger Shanafelter (N3MSL) of Carlisle, PA; Lori Venezio (KB2NII) of Beachwood, NJ; Ramsey Thomson (NJ5E) of Huntsville, AL; and Gregory Roberts (KB5UCE) of Dallas, TX.

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Chapter News

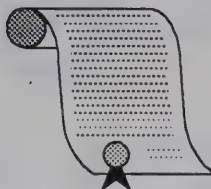


The Finger Lakes Chapter met August 21, 1992 at the Lilac City Family Restaurant in Rochester. After the meeting members went to the Strassenburgh Planetarium. A microwave/laser demo for the FLC booth at next year's gay alliance picnic was proposed by Doc (N2IKR). Chapter president Dave (KE2GE) is looking for ideas for a chapter banner. The chapter attended the Buffalo hamfest on September 19 after which they had a dinner meeting. On September 20 the chapter had a luncheon followed by a visit to the Antique Wireless Association Museum.

The Golden Gate Chapter met in September at the QTH of KB7IP. The chapter will publish one final newsletter for the year, a combination October/November/December issue. The last business meeting of the year is set for Thursday, October 8. Election of chapter officers is set for this meeting. A pot luck dinner is set for Sunday, November 14 at the QTH of W6BM and another is set for Saturday, December 12 at the QTH of WB6QVU/N6PGH.

Miscellany

AMSAT/NA (Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation) has sent out certificates to all amateurs who have made a five year pledge to help build Phase IIID, the next generation high elliptical orbiting amateur satellite scheduled for launch



same time IIID is set to be launched. Five year pledges from amateurs in amounts ranging from about \$36.00 per year and up are acknowledged by a certificate suitable for framing. Endorsement stickers for each yearly contribution are mailed upon receipt of each contribution. If you would like to participate in the Phase IIID funding program contact AMSAT, PO Box 27, Washington, DC 20044.

The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc. has filed suit against the Boy Scouts of America in the State of New Jersey. The suit alleges that the Scouts (BSA) are engaging in illegal discrimination in violation of the New Jersey's newly enacted law barring discrimination based on sexual orientation. BSA does not permit gay scouts claiming that being gay is incompatible with scouting's moral code. BSA has been targeted by gay and lesbian activists nationwide for its flagrant anti-gay policy.

The American Bar Association's House of Delegates has voted to approve an affiliation with the National Lesbian and Gay Law Association, which will now be represented in the ABA House of Delegates. Last year the affiliation failed to get the necessary two-thirds majority.

Statements of the LARC Candidates

The following candidates for LARC elected office have submitted statements which are reprinted below in call area order.

KA1MQX — Nick, Boston, MA

Candidate for Vice President

"I've been a member of Lambda since the early or mid '80s. That seems like forever until I think of the problems we are having just being ordinary people in a sometimes weird world. Then I remember that our mission to make ourselves visible and accepted really started only a couple years ago, and has a very long way to go. Like everyone else, I have too little time to do what I want; but Lambda needs all of us to help a bit, and I'm willing to take a turn as an officer, if it's now my turn."

KK3K — Jim, Philadelphia, PA

Candidate for President

"Ensuring the survival and growth of an amateur radio club which is spread out over the entire U.S. and several foreign countries is a difficult challenge. Further complicating the task is the challenge all lesbians and gays face in societies

wherein any endeavor they wish to pursue is made more difficult by those who would thwart their efforts to succeed and excel out of bigotry. My aim has been to meet both of these challenges head-on. If re-elected, I shall continue my efforts to make LARC a club of which all lesbians and gays, LARC members and the general community, can be proud."

KD6ZZ — Steve, Key West, FL

Candidate for Vice President

"I am greatly honored to be nominated for an office. I accept the nomination for vice president. Please be assured that I will do whatever I can to help Lambda. Steve Godwin - KD6ZZ. Licensed since 1958. Extra Class License. Certified Volunteer Examiner, W5YI and SANDARC VECs. Member Board of Directors, Mountain Repeater Association since 1980. B.S. (Engineering) Auburn University. M.A. California state University. Listed in Who's Who in California 1981/84/89.

Official Ballot Enclosed
LARC Election for 1993-4 Term

sometime in 1996. The new OSCAR (orbiting satellite carrying amateur radio) will be the biggest and most powerful high orbiting satellite yet and it is being funded, designed and built by amateurs from all over the world. Phase IIID is set to replace OSCAR 13 which will re-enter the atmosphere and burn up at about the

Instructions

Please indicate your vote for LARC officers for the 1993-4 term on the enclosed ballot. Return your completed ballot to Larry Kenney (WB9LOZ) and Bill Choisser (K9AT), 4145 21st St., San Francisco, CA 94114-2710 in the envelope provided. The deadline for the return of ballots to be counted as valid is December 1, 1992. Vote for only one candidate for each office.

Candidates for President:

Jim Kelly, KK3K
Tom Hendrix, KI4ZN

Candidates for Vice President:

Nick Altenbernd, KA1MQX
Paul Hulse, KK6JD
Steve Godwin, KD6ZZ
Howard Wyman, W9BVD

Candidates for Secretary:

Philip Jenkins, WD4IJV
Eric Levinson, N6ZSU

BE SURE TO VOTE TODAY

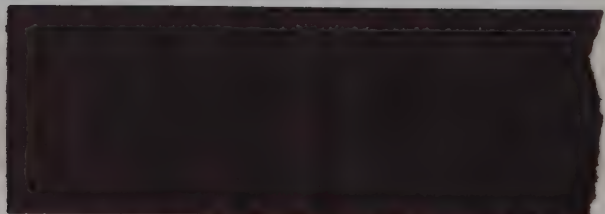
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by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

LARC Satellite DXpedition Slated for March 1993

LARC vice president Don (WB6LYI) is coordinating a DXpedition of LARC members planning to operate on OSCAR-13 during the period March 9 through March 15, 1993 from the Caribbean island nation of St. Lucia (J6). Satellite DXers will eagerly anticipate this operation since St. Lucia has never before been activated on any satellite. LARC members planning to go on the DXpedition include: Don (WB6LYI) and Norm; Mark (KC3XC) and Ted; Eric (N6ZSU); Nick (KA1MQX); Jim (KK3K); and Philip (WD4IJV) and Ernest (Ernest plans to be licensed by the time the DXpedition takes place). LARC members should get started now setting up their OSCAR-13 stations in preparation to work the 1993 LARC OSCAR-13 DXpedition to St. Lucia.

LARC v. ARRL Update

On August 5, 1992, LARC President Jim (KK3K) spoke with Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund attorney Suzanne Goldberg. Suzanne is representing LARC in the matter of LARC's discrimination claim filed against the ARRL before the Connecticut State Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities. Suzanne brought Jim up to date on the status of LARC's claim which was filed in March of this year. Suzanne told Jim that Commission officials have contacted the ARRL as a result of our claim. The ARRL has responded to the Commission denying that they have engaged in discriminatory practices directed at LARC.

According to Suzanne "We are now waiting for the Commission to assign an investigator to the case. This should happen fairly soon." Suzanne had been in direct contact with ARRL officials in an effort to settle LARC's claim however this effort failed. According to Suzanne "No one from the League got back to me. They are evidently not interested in a settlement." Suzanne explained that it can take six months or more for an investigator to be assigned to a case.

ARRL Votes To Torpedo Automatic HF Mail Forwarding

The following message was posted on packet radio by Tom Clark (W3IWI) in early August: "By now most of you have heard that the ARRL Board of Directors adopted a resolution at their meeting July 17th which will force the Packet and AMTOR BBSs that automatically relay your long-haul messages to QRT as of the end of the year. The following note arrived tonight from Colorado — but it applies here in the Mid-Atlantic area also:

TO: ALL PACKET USERS
FM: KTOH, Dave - Aurora, CO
SUBJECT: SUPPORT LETTER FOR FULLY AUTOMATED HF DIGITAL FORWARDING
The following letter, is a possible text for a letter to the ARRL Executive Committee showing your support for fully automated digital communications. In a survey conducted in the Jan 92 QST concerning this issue, approximately 500 amateurs (out of an ARRL membership of about 144,000) responded (less than 0.003% of ARRL members!!!!!!). The Digital Committee reportedly used this survey to strongly favor their decision for non-automatic digital forwarding. If you now desire to show your support in this issue, you should, at the

very least, send a copy of this (or similar letter) to the ARRL Executive Committee. David Sumner, K1ZZ, ARRL Executive Committee Secretary has indicated that such letters, if sent to him, will be placed before the Executive Committee. Address your letter to:

((DO NOT TRY TO FORWARD SUCH A LETTER VIA PACKET))

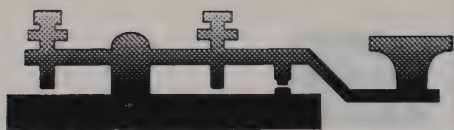
ARRL HQ
ATTN: David Sumner, K1ZZ
225 Main Street
Newington, CT 06111

Other possible addresses for such a letter are:

PRODIGY - MGTS39A
INTERNET:lhurder@arrl.org
GENIE - ARRL.Hq
MCI Mail - "ARRL HQ"
America On Line - "ARRL HQ"
BIX - ARRL

To the ARRL Executive Committee: This letter is being sent to voice my support of fully unattended HF digital forwarding. During the past five and one half years that the STA has been in affect, fully unattended HF digital forwarding has proven to be most successful in the area of amateur radio message forwarding. Fully automatic HF digital forwarding has played a major role in support of emergency communications and in the passing of National Traffic System messages. System Operators (SYSOPs) in all ARRL divisions have indicated that they will be unable to operate effectively after Dec 31, 1992 (when the STA expires) in semi-automatic mode. This will most likely set the digital communications network system back many years. At the very least, in the event that complications or questions arise, such as frequency or interference issues that might hinder acceptance, please give the digital community SYSOPs a fair chance to respond. There is a growing feeling that the ARRL Digital Committee and the majority of the ARRL Board of Directors did not have sufficient time to realize or evaluate the amateur community response and their support

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President's Key

by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)
President, LARC

LARC is certainly not alone in having problems with the ARRL. Now Newington has dumped on packet radio sysops, some of the brightest, most competent, and pioneering hams in the hobby. The ARRL Board of Directors voted in June to recommend to the FCC that unattended automatic digital forwarding (RTTY, Amtor, Packet) on HF be outlawed as of the end of the year. This practice has been authorized under a temporary ruling (STA) for the past seven years and during that time it has: enabled many of us to forward messages to each other over great distances; provided a network for National Traffic System (NTS) forwarding; provided a network for emergency message forwarding; provided a network for informational bulletin forwarding; and it has facilitated the growth of a large and valuable network accompanied by improvements in both hardware and software technology. Now the ARRL wants the FCC to scuttle the heart of all of this, the automatic, unattended forwarding that makes it all possible. Why? The ARRL hasn't said exactly, but I think one reason has to do with the possibility that another illegal message like last year's infamous "1-900" anti-war message might again be automatically forwarded in violation of FCC rules. So, in typical unthinking fashion, the ARRL now proposes to throw the baby out with the bath water! How stupid can they be? (Don't answer that.) There's a problem with the system, but rather than look for a solution, they'd rather just chuck the whole idea. And remember, we elected these geniuses. If you read the minutes of the ARRL Executive Committee meeting where this "brainstorm" was conceived, you will note that certain ARRL Directors actually proposed alternate wording for the resolution that called for continued automatic forwarding with safeguards to prevent a reoccurrence of the "1-900" problem; but they were voted down. Evidently, most ARRL Directors have little or no understanding of the issue in question. I wonder how many of them are even on packet radio!

Speaking of having little understanding of the problem at hand, the ARRL also told the State of Connecticut that no, they've never discriminated against LARC. Get real.

I urge all to write the ARRL and support automatic forwarding on HF. Use the wording contained in the article in this newsletter if you want, but do write. We must continue to send "wake up!" calls to Newington. To use a popular political analogy, the hobby is like the Titanic; we're headed for an iceberg; and the ARRL says "Stay the course!" NOT! de KK3K

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for this mode of communications. Please make note of my support for fully unattended HF digital forwarding for any future recommendations which may be made regarding the issue of unattended HF digital operations. 73,
YOUR SIGNATURE & Amateur callsign
YOUR ADDRESS (if desired)
(Don't forget to date your letter)"

In a related development, packet sysops in Ohio have voted to discontinue carrying ARRL bulletins in protest of ARRL actions. The following message entitled "OH Sysops Abandon ARRL Information" was posted to packet by NO8M:

To: Al Severson, Director, ARRL Great Lakes Division
From: Steve, NO8M@NO8M
Copied: ALL@ALLUS
Ohio Sysops have expressed dissatisfaction with the ARRL attempt to ban automatic forwarding on HF packet. Current Ohio-based packet activities are directed to the coordination of a unified response to this ARRL

ban. The intended result of this action is to

(1) provide a show of support to those who may be writing alternative rule-makings and to those who may write comments on this action and to

(2) provide those who will then act on those comments, be it the ARRL or the FCC, the knowledge that legitimate comments hold widespread support in the community and to

(3) provide support to those HF forwarding stations that have attended to our mail for these many years and, finally,

(4) to dispel the notion that we tacitly approve of the ARRL actions.

To this end the Ohio Sysops have agreed by a strong majority to end the support of propagating ARRL information and bulletins. As of this date, we are beginning this action. Perhaps you have heard of the actions taken in other areas of the country. Indiana is also in the midst of

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Membership Roster

Membership rosters are published several times each year and will be inserted into an issue of the LAMBDA NET NEWS. This summarized roster lists basic member information.

If you'd like to receive a highly detailed, in-depth listing of each member, just send a 9" x 12" self-addressed envelope with \$1.90 postage affixed and a custom printed roster will be on its way to you. This way, you can have an updated roster as often as you'd like and LARC will not be sending rosters to anyone who doesn't want one.

Mail your request TODAY to:

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LARC Chapter Directory

City of Brotherly Love (COBL) Chapter

Contact: Jim Kelly (KK3K)
P.O. Box 24810
Philadelphia, PA 19130
(215) 978-LARC

Serves Phila., metro area including S. Jersey, N. Delaware, and Maryland. Meetings every 6-8 weeks. No dues. Note: Chapter presently inactive.

Finger Lakes Chapter

Contact: Irv (AF2K)
515 Drumm Rd.
Webster, NY 14580
(716) 671-4430

or contact:

Dave (KE2GE)
80 Campfire Rd. N.
Henrietta, NY 14467
(716) 359-3337

Serves western and central NY state. Meetings 3rd Friday each month for dinner/meeting. Dues are \$5 per year.

Golden Gate Chapter

Contact: Kit Brown, President
P.O. Box 14073
San Francisco, CA 94114
(415) 863-1196

Serves San Francisco Bay area. Meetings monthly on 2nd Thursday at 8 PM. Dues are \$15 per year. Note: Additional social events are frequently scheduled.

Hollywood Chapter

Contact: Rick Fearn (K6VE), President
P.O. Box 65643
Los Angeles, CA 90065
(213) 256-6556

Serves southern California. Meetings are quarterly on weekends on announced schedule. Dues. Note: Field trips and outings are often scheduled.

Personals

Would like to meet ham (or aspiring ham) for friendship and possible relationship.

Dale A. Clark, WAØCFQ
Box 668
Wellsville, KS 66092
(913) 883-4090
(Leave message on machine if I'm out.)

I would like to share my home and expense with a compatible ham.

LeRoy D. Lawhorn, W4VTW
Lambda #1095
213 McDonald Street
Greenville, SC 29609-5630
(803) 233-3527

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confirming their support for the ending of the ARRL information flood bulletins. Colorado will shut down their packet network for two days. Most if not all current automatic HF forwarders will cease operation at the expiration of this STA. Some MARS HF unattended forwarders have expressed concern about the changes in software they will now face. It is my understanding that you now fully support, approve and have voted in favor of all proposals from the Digital Committee. It is hoped that you will recognize the current and future concerns that your abandonment of this section of the amateur community will cause. 73,
Steve, N08M
cc: ALL @ ALLUS

Note to Ohio Sysops: I was led to believe that Mr. Severson was representing our interests in Newington. This was entirely mistaken. Due to this mistaken belief, I may have led some of you to believe that comments to our Director were not necessary. Obviously, they are.

Member Correspondence

Congratulations to long time formerly unlicensed LARC member Brian DeWitt who has passed his no-code Tech test and will soon be issued a N8 callsign! Will it be a Yaesu, Kenwood, Icom or other brand HT?

Congratulations to LARC vice president Don (WB6LYI) on seven years as publisher of the Lambda Net News! LARC is lucky to have such a dedicated individual as Don. If you agree that Don has done a great job with our newsletter, why not drop him a post card or a short note to let him know that you appreciate his efforts over the past seven years.

Welcome aboard to our first member from the former Soviet Union. Serge V. Lysov, who is 20 years old and a student of physics and mathematics, has joined LARC. He is interested in computers and uses IBM-PCs at college. He very recently received his call of UB5CTA and is active on 160 meters using home-made equipment and a delta loop antenna. Serge lives in Cherkassv, in the Ukraine. Serge is a member of the LARC UK/EU chapter. He found out about LARC through our ad in CQ magazine. He wants pen pals and would welcome letters from LARC members. His address: Serge V. Lysov, UB5CTA, P.O. Box 931, Cherkassy 257005, Ukraine.

Harry (N2CJM) is getting serious about setting up an OSCAR satellite

station. He has begun to investigate rigs and has requested other technical information and advice on how to get active on OSCAR.

Monitoring Times magazine carried a notice about LARC's legal action against the ARRL in their July, 1992 issue. Thanks to FLC secretary Irv (AF2K) for sending in a clipping of the notice.

Dominic (KD6EDJ) sent in a well written letter critical of those in the hobby who will not work with LARC out of narrow-mindedness or bigotry, including the ARRL and Wayne Green. Dominic, who is a new ham — Jan. '92, also suggests that we continue to urge our members to support the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund who are helping us with legal representation. Membership requests and contributions to Lambda Legal should be sent to: LLEDF, 666 Broadway, New York, NY 10012.

LARC UK/EU chapter member James (G4ILW) spent a week in Boston in early August on business. Beantown LARC member Nick (KA1MQX) met James for dinner during his visit.

Roy (N5KLC) writes that he is "proud of all of you for standing up for our rights. You will win! We must all work for fairness and understanding between now and Nov. 3rd. Thankfully, our new Democratic governor, Ann Richards, is making a big difference in our state situation".

Chapter News

The Finger Lakes Chapter slated a picnic for Friday, August 21. The chapter is looking for design ideas for their own FLC/LARC banner for use at community and Chapter events. The chapter is sending copies of their newsletter to other LARC chapters and requesting copies of their newsletters in return.

The Golden Gate Chapter met at the QTH of KK6CI/KC6KBH at 8:00 PM on August 13. Future meetings are also slated for September 10 and October 8, and pot luck dinners are set for November and December. Copies of the revised chapter Constitution and By-Laws adopted in July were distributed with the August Newsletter.

For Sale

Toshiba T-1000 laptop computer with external 3.5" floppy disk drive — all runs on battery power. Includes power adapters. Perfect for portable packet. \$200. Paul, KK6JD, (213) 465-4430

The Lambda Amateur Radio Club

Constitution

Article 1 Name

Section 1 The Organization shall be known as the LAMBDA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (LARC).

Article 2 Purpose and Function

Section 1 The purpose of the Lambda Amateur Radio Club (LARC) shall be to:

- a. Office Club membership, benefits, and a sense of community to gay men and lesbians who share a common interest in amateur radio;
- b. Promote friendship and good fellowship;
- c. Provide mutual help and support to members;
- d. Conduct an ongoing outreach program;
- e. Provide public service; and
- f. Promote the Amateur Radio Service.

By-Laws

Article 1 Membership

Section 1 Membership in the Lambda Amateur Radio Club (LARC) is open to gay men and lesbian women who are licensed Amateur Radio Operators, or Short Wave Listeners, or are in the process of becoming either.

Section 2 All members are eligible to vote.

Section 3 All members shall be eligible for office.

Section 4 Honorary members shall such persons as may be nominated by any member and elected by the Executive Committee in recognition of distinguished service or for special merit. Honorary membership is conferred by a majority vote of the Executive Committee and it includes full membership privileges.

Article 2 Officers

Section 1 The Officers of the organization shall be the President, Vice President, and Secretary. A Treasurer may be appointed by the President with the approval of the other elected officers and shall serve as a voting member of the Executive Committee.

Section 2 The Officers shall constitute the Executive Committee.

- Section 3 At two year intervals there shall be elected a President, Vice President, and Secretary. The Treasurer's term of office shall be determined by mutual agreement between the Executive Committee and the Treasurer. All members, including the Executive Committee members, are eligible to act as Treasurer.
- Section 4 All Officers shall continue in office until successors are elected.
- Section 5 All terms of office shall be for two years.
- Section 6 A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the Vice President for the unexpired term.
- Section 7 A vacancy in the offices of Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be filled by appointment of the President.

Article 3

Duties of Officers and Executive Committee

- Section 1 The President shall:
- a. Preside at all meetings of the organization and of the Executive Committee.
 - b. Conduct elections on a timely basis.
 - c. Perform all duties pertaining to the office.
 - d. Act as Treasurer or appoint a Treasurer with the approval of the Executive Committee.
- Section 2 The Vice President shall:
- a. Preside at all meetings in the absence of the President.
 - b. Assume duties of the President in the event of a vacancy in that office.
 - c. Be responsible for a tri-annual review of the Constitution and By-Laws.
- Section 3 The Secretary shall:
- a. Perform all duties pertaining to the office.
- Section 4 The Treasurer shall:
- a. Receive all monies and membership contributions.
 - b. Administer all funds of the organization as designated by the Executive Committee.
 - c. Keep accurate books of account showing all monies received and expended.
 - d. Promptly deposit all monies received to the credit of the organization in the bank account of the organization.
 - e. Make all authorized disbursements by check from the organization bank account at the request of the Executive Committee.
 - f. Present a Financial Report periodically.
 - g. Submit books and statements to the Executive Committee upon request.
 - h. Submit a periodic report of the current financial status of the organization with copies available to members upon request.
- Section 5 The Executive Committee shall:
- a. Have supervision of the affairs of the organization.

Article 4 Membership Contributions

- Section 1 Membership contributions shall be established by the Executive Committee and specified to the membership.

Article 5 Meetings

- Section 1 An official Lambda Amateur Radio Club (LARC) organization business meeting shall be held when deemed necessary by the Executive Committee and each year at the Dayton Hamvention. A quorum must be present for Club business to be transacted.
- Section 2 A quorum shall consist of at least two (2) elected members of the Executive Committee plus at least two (2) general members of the Club.
- Section 3 Due to geographical considerations, the bulk of Lambda Amateur Radio Club (LARC) organization business shall be conducted by oral or written polling of the Executive Committee and/or the membership.

Article 6 Elections

- Section 1 Nominations for Officers (President, Vice President, and Secretary) will be solicited by the President initially and every two years thereafter. The organization newsletter shall announce nominations and elections, and report the results of the elections. Nominations shall be sent to the President who shall prepare the ballot. The President shall ascertain whether a nominated individual is willing to run for office in the organization before placing the individual's name on the ballot.
- Section 2 All members shall receive a ballot. Ballots will list all nominees willing to serve as nominees in the organization. Ballots will be returned by members in a sealed ballot envelope provided, and will be accepted as valid if returned by a prescribed deadline in an envelope listing a valid return address or other identification of the member returning the ballot. One ballot will be accepted from each member.
- Section 3 Returned ballots shall be address and mailed directly to a volunteer member approved by the Executive Committee who will count the ballots and report the results to the Executive Committee.
- Section 4 The winner of the election for President will be nominated individual receiving the most votes for President. The winner of the election for Vice President will be nominated individual receiving the most votes for Vice President. The winner of the election for Secretary will be nominated individual receiving the most votes for Secretary. In the event of a tie, the individual first or earlier licensed by the Federal Communications Commission will assume the office.
- Section 5 The results of the election will be published in the organization newsletter and power shall be transferred to the elected officers.

Article 7**Duties of Members**

- Section 1 Implicit in membership is a willingness to participate in and give support to the affairs of the organization.
- Section 2 Members are urged to report changes in names, addresses, illness or death of a member.

Article 8**Funds**

- Section 1 All disbursements from the organization checking account require Executive Committee approval.

Article 9**Rules of Order**

- Section 1 Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised Edition, shall be the authority in all questions of parliamentary law not covered by the By-Laws.

Article 10**The By-Laws**

- Section 1 The By-Laws shall be adopted or amended by a majority of the voting membership and shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

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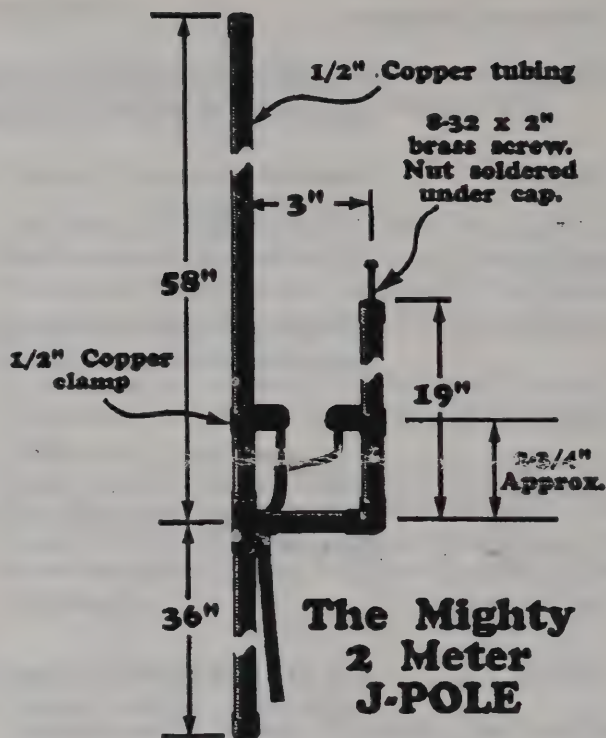
(Call it a Lambda Pole, if you like)

by Tom Hendrix (K14ZN, Winter Springs, FL)
LARC, Treasurer

Once in a great while fate smiles on us, the constellations are aligned correctly and we have time to do some of the things that are on our list of "Things to Do." Antennas are on the mind of a lot of amateurs and 2 meters, in particular, since the advent of the new no code license which grants privileges for this band. Now that you have the time, a little money saved up and the yen to do something physical, you might be interested in building a 2 meter antenna which is simple to construct with readily available materials. Tools requirements are minimal. The attached diagram provides both material requirements and dimensions. You will need a hot soldering iron together with silver solder although acid core should be okay; but be sure not to use it near any of your electronic equipment since the acid fumes are corrosive and will not keep your radio equipment in the best of health.

Why not build up one of these for your own use or several to sell at the next hamfest in your area. If there is enough interest, a cubical quad for 2 meters is in the works.

Everyone needs a J-Pole!



This is a tried and true design that is guaranteed to provide excellent results.

The Mighty 2 Meter J-POLE

Tuning

Set the 8-32 screw to about 1/2 inch exposed thread.

Start by moving the clamps - keeping them across from each other - up or down from the initial location for the best SWR. If you have a field strength meter you can tune for maximum field strength with a reasonable SWR.

Last, adjust the 8-32 screw for the lowest SWR

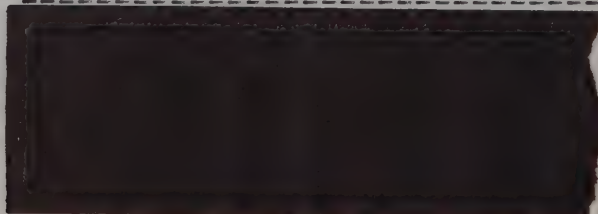
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73 Cancels LARC Ad

73 Amateur Radio Today magazine has cancelled LARC's advertisement effective immediately. A LARC check intended to pay for the ad renewal has been returned to LARC treasurer Tom (KI4ZN). The reason given for the cancellation is LARC's legal action against the ARRL. In correspondence to LARC president Jim (KK3K) 73 publisher Wayne Green (W2NSD/1) wrote: "I think the most disgusting thing a ham can do is sue, bringing lawyers and the courts into our hobby. The Lambda action has revolted me ... I sure have Lambda-phobia now and will continue to have it unless you drop the suit and reimburse the ARRL for any expenses you've caused. Suers belong in the sewer. ... The righteousness of your claims are irrelevant." Green added "I've come to the conclusion that homosexuality is ungodly. In God's scheme homosexuality seems on a par with any other birth defect, so we Americans, in our loving adoption of the socialistic concept of helping the disadvantaged to survive, have been dealing with homosexuality as we have those crippled in other ways. We tolerate them. We make curbs, toilets and doors with wheel chair access. But we don't want homosexuals as supreme court judges or on a president's cabinet. We're not *that* tolerant of God's errors." 73 Associate publisher David Cassidy wrote the following in a separate letter to Jim (KK3K): "He [Wayne Green] is very vocal in his negative opinion of those who use the courts to settle disputes arising out of amateur radio. For this reason, he has instructed me to cancel any advertising by LARC until this legal action has stopped and LARC reimburses the ARRL for any expenses arising out of this matter. Unless these two things happen, I have no choice but to refuse any future LARC advertising ... It is his decision (not mine), and I will not attempt to change it." LARC President Jim (KK3K) has advised management at 73 that their demand that LARC drop its claim against the ARRL and reimburse them for any legal expenses will not be met. Both Jim (KK3K) and LARC vice-president Don (WB6LYI) had previously been in contact with management at 73 in an attempt to ascertain why they rejected an article submitted for publication and failed to cover the LARC/ARRL news story.

Last Chance for Nominations

On the back page is the nomination form to nominate officers for the upcoming 1993-1994 term. Please send in your nomination today!

Net Newsbite

by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

LARC Nominations Deadline August 15

The deadline for nominations forms to be returned to the club POB is August 15, 1992. LARC members can nominate any LARC member, including themselves, for LARC elected office. Consult the LARC Constitution and By-Laws for a description of the duties of the office of LARC President, Vice-President and Secretary.

Chapter News

(Thanks to all chapter newsletter editors for their contributions.)

The Golden Gate Chapter celebrated its five year anniversary in July. The chapter set up an HF, VHF and UHF and packet stations at the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day event in June. Upcoming events of interest include the ARRL National Convention, August 20-23 in L.A., and Pacificon '92, the ARRL Pacific Division Convention scheduled for October in Concord, CA.

The Finger Lakes Chapter welcomed new member Charlie M. of Cohocton, NY. at their June meeting. The chapter has now grown to eleven members, seven of whom are licensed, and six of who are members of LARC International. The chapter participated in the GAGV picnic on Sunday, June 28 (gay and lesbian pride day). The chapter sponsored an HF demo station at the picnic. Future events include a chapter picnic scheduled for August 21, and the September monthly meeting scheduled for Sept. 18.

The City of Brotherly Love Chapter met on Saturday, July 11 at the QTH of Rick, K2JOZ for a Bar-B-Que. Steve (AA3AE) is acting as meeting coordinator for the Philadelphia group.

The Hollywood Chapter Un-Named Newsletter is edited by Paul (KK6JD). The chapter is seeking to join the Los Angeles Area Council of Amateur Radio Clubs. The August meeting is a retreat and business meeting scheduled for the weekend of August 7, 8 & 9 at the Carriage Inn of Ridgecrest in Ridgecrest, CA. This is a pleasure trip with only a short business meeting scheduled. Spouses, lovers, and companions are welcome. The chapter sponsored a bike ride on July 12. The chapter sponsors a unique feature, the special distribution mailer on LABBS (K6VE-5) which allows any LARC member to originate a personal packet message which is then automatically distributed to ALL Hollywood chapter members who have packet stations on the air.

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President's Key

by Jim, (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)
President, LARC

Homophobia has once again reared it's ugly head at 73 Amateur Radio Today magazine. Wayne Green's bigoted and outrageous references to homosexuals as "ungodly," "God's error," and as being "on a par with any other birth defect" are an insult to gays and lesbians, physically challenged individuals, and anyone who believes in social justice. Green's demand that we drop our suit and reimburse the ARRL for legal expenses apparently stems from an abnormal, perhaps pathological, hatred of lawyers and the legal system. Only someone with a warped sense of ethics could write as Green did that "The righteousness of your claims are irrelevant." Lawyers and the legal system are no strangers to the ham radio hobby. Just look at the legal battles over restrictive ham radio ordinances and the number of prominent hams, including ARRL Directors, who are lawyers. If Green has a gripe with lawyers and the courts, he'll be real busy trying to get them and keep them out of ham radio! It's also clear that 73 associate publisher David Cassidy is uncomfortable with LARC. In a telephone conversation with LARC vice-president Don (WB6LYI) Cassidy complained that LARC's classified ad in 73 was "costing us two subscribers a week." Doing the right thing is sometimes a little tough and Cassidy is apparently not up to it. He was evidently looking for an excuse to drop our ad and Green's homophobia and lawyer-phobia was just what he was looking for. The world is truly upside down in Peterborough, N.H. Green and Cassidy are not at all upset about the ARRL's discrimination against LARC but they are upset with our attempt to end it.

I am disappointed over this development, but not surprised. Wayne Green is a political conservative. They are a strange breed. They say they stand for less government interference across the board yet they also want to regulate people's private behavior and enforce their own particular morality and values on everyone. While Green has editorialized on "gay hams" on two occasions and has run our ad for two years, it's clear that his strange Perotesque outlook on homosexuality has much homophobia embedded in it. Case in point: his latest editorial lamenting the fact that there is no cure for being gay or lesbian. Mr. Cassidy, the associate publisher of 73, claims he's not homophobic, but has told us that we're going about things in the wrong way. He doesn't approve of our tactics and behavior. He has fallen into the old trap of blaming the victim. Just as women are often blamed when they're raped, and impoverished blacks are blamed because they're allegedly "lazy," somehow in Cassidy's eyes we're wrong for using whatever limited means we have to end the discrimination directed at us. Cassidy told Don (WB6LYI) that we were "making more enemies than friends" with our current tack. Too bad we uppity fags and dykes, like uppity blacks, make it more and more difficult for our liberal supporters. If only we would behave and be nice and not complain and not push for our rights it sure would make it easier for them to support us, wouldn't it? But our days of doing as we're told by bigots are over!

So, 73 has decided to punish us by canceling our classified ad. And Cassidy has told me that he will withhold editorial support for LARC (a hollow blow since he has never supported us editorially at any time during the past several years!) That'll teach us a lesson. NOT! Of course, it will also make it more difficult again for LARC to get more new hams licensed and do our part to rescue the hobby. While this is a temporary setback for LARC, we'll keep pushing forward and we'll win.

To Wayne Green I wrote the following: "Please don't loose any sleep over the fact that homosexuals can't be cured. If you check with the American Psychiatric Association you'll find that homosexuality has long since been removed from their list of mental disorders. I'm surprised that a self-proclaimed professional like yourself doesn't know that. And there are at least a few million of us who would never take the cure even if there were one. And, above all, don't hold your breath waiting for LARC to drop our suit or refund legal expenses to the ARRL." Green's bigoted comments have destroyed any credibility he had, given much new credibility to his many critics, and his comments will survive him as a sad legacy indeed for someone who loves to preach to the rest of us and fancies himself a positive role model and trend setter for hams.

Our ad is still running in one of the three major ham radio publications: CO Amateur Radio Magazine. We will have to depend on this ad to reach gay and lesbian hams, especially new and younger potential members, until such time as our discrimination claim against the ARRL is finally settled and we are (hopefully) permitted to run an ad in QST. de KK3K

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Membership Roster

Membership rosters are published several times each year and will be inserted into an issue of the LAMBDA NET NEWS. This summarized roster lists basic member information.

If you'd like to receive a highly detailed, in-depth listing of each member, just send a 9" x 12" self-addressed envelope with \$1.90 postage affixed and a custom printed roster will be on its way to you. This way, you can have an updated roster as often as you'd like and LARC will not be sending rosters to anyone who doesn't want one.

Mail your request TODAY to:

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LARC Chapter Directory

City of Brotherly Love (COBL) Chapter

Contact: Jim Kelly (KK3K)
P.O. Box 24810
Philadelphia, PA 19130
(215) 978-LARC

Serves Phila. metro area including S. Jersey, N. Delaware, and Maryland. Meetings every 6-8 weeks. No dues. Note: Chapter presently inactive.

Finger Lakes Chapter

Contact: Irv (AF2K)
515 Drumm Rd.
Webster, NY 14580
(716) 671-4430

or contact:

Dave (KE2GE)
80 Campfire Rd. N.
Henrietta, NY 14467
(716) 359-3337

Serves western and central NY state. Meetings 3rd Friday each month for dinner/meeting. Dues are \$5 per year.

Golden Gate Chapter

Contact: Kit Brown, President
P.O. Box 14073
San Francisco, CA 94114
(415) 863-1196

Serves San Francisco Bay area. Meetings monthly on 2nd Thursday at 8 PM. Dues are \$15 per year. Note: Additional social events are frequently scheduled.

Hollywood Chapter

Contact: Rick Fearn (K6VE), President
P.O. Box 65643
Los Angeles, CA 90065
(213) 256-6556

Serves southern California. Meetings are monthly on weekends on announced schedule. Dues. Note: Field trips and outings are often scheduled.

New LNN Service Innaugurated

Over the years, we've had many requests for a personals section, but no one ever submitted a notice. Times have changed and it's here now! Send your ad today to the newsletter address on page 2.

Personals

I would like to share my home and expense with a compatible ham.

LeRoy D. Lawhom, W4VTW
Lambda #1095
213 McDonald Street
Greenville, SC 29609-5630
(803) 233-3527

Net Newsbits

Member Correspondence

Tomas (SM6MLB) and Tommy visited Kari (OH1BM) and Mika in Helsinki, Finland in June.

LARC UK/EU member Gordon (G4GUW) has a new packet address. He can be reached at G4GUW @ GB7MAX.28.GBR.EU.

John (AA2DY) has a new packet address:

AA2DY@WA2RKN.#ENY.NY.USA.
John is an active Dxer with 214 countries confirmed using 100 watts and a G5RV antenna. He is interested in satellites and recently had a mode K (uplink on 15 meters, downlink on 10 meters and 2 meters) contact on RS12, the Russian low orbiting satellite using split mode on his Heathkit SB1400.

Stuart (GØBEV) and Alan spent time in Chateau De Polignac, France in July. They enjoyed the beautiful countryside, the excellent cuisine and the peace and quiet of this beautiful area of France.

Larry (N4VA) is now QRV on packet. His packet address is N4VA @ KF4TE.VA.USA.NA.

Jack (KH6MY) of Lawai, Hawaii, has been trying to check-in to LARC HF nets so far without success. Jack will be travelling to San Diego soon and he has been in touch with Roy (N5LKC) in Texas who he has heard on a daily HF net.

Dave (KB2ARL) was disgusted by the homophobic comments of Westlink Report publisher Bert Hicks (WB6MQV). Dave sent in a reprint of the article and noted that bible statements are not statements of fact as Hicks as asserted. Dave does not subscribe to the Christian philosophy which he notes has only been around for about 2000 years and is predated by many other religions. Dave notes that in the older religions gay men were considered gifted both spiritually and as visionaries and were held with reverence.

Jim (KK3K) and Dan enjoyed a seven day all gay cruise from Alaska to Vancouver, BC in July. Jim also recently received Satellite DXCC # 85. Jim has also been enjoying rollerblading and this year he rollerbladed the entire length of the NYC gay and lesbian pride parade held June 28.



Clinton Says the "G" Word

Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton made history at the Democratic National Convention when he mentioned the word "gay" in his acceptance speech which was televised nationally in July. Clinton included gays in a list of "thems," minorities which have been scapegoated by Republicans, right wingers, conservatives and religious fanatics. Clinton pledged to insure equal rights and protection to all Americans. Clinton also made good on his promise to allow an openly HIV-positive individual to address the convention. In fact, there were two such addresses, from Elizabeth Glaser [wife of actor/director Paul Michael Glaser, best known for the TV series "Starsky & Hutch" -Ed.] who contracted the virus through a blood transfusion, and Michael Hattoy, a man who is a Clinton advisor who identified himself as a gay man with HIV during his speech! Signs calling for gay and lesbian rights were prominently displayed on the floor of the convention and broadcast over national TV especially on C-SPAN. Clinton and the Democrats have also called for an end to the U.S. military's ban on homosexuals. The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force has been instrumental in working with Bill Clinton and the Democratic Party to insure that gay and lesbian concerns are addressed in the party platform and openly supported by the candidates. Membership in the NLGTF is \$35/yr. Contact NLGTF, 1734 14th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20009-4309.

Miscellany

The International Radio Forum, a newsletter published by Total Radio Service, Pickering, Ontario, included a nice profile of LARC in the "Clubs and Events" section of the July, 1992 issue of the newsletter. The newsletter includes articles on ham radio and CB related topics from DX to product reviews. A one year subscription to the monthly newsletter is available for \$12 Canadian, \$14 U.S., \$16 foreign from Total Radio Service, Box 83-110, 1355 Kingston Road, Pickering, Ontario L1V 1B8. TRS has indicated that they are eager to publish notices of upcoming LARC events in their newsletter.

AI9Q Interviewed by UPI

by Wayne Schuler (AI9Q, Vancouver, WA)

LARC member Wayne Schuler (AI9Q) was recently interviewed by United Press International (UPI). Dennis Daily at the UPI Washington DC bureau was putting together a fifteen minute radio program for the weekend release. The broadcast was to coincide with the Field Day activities of June 27-28th.

The interview, which gave an update of what amateur radio means, touched on topics in contesting, DX, CW, packet, ATV, satellite, and the new no-code licensing and VE testing sessions. The interview was conducted over the telephone and two phone lines were used simultaneously to give better quality audio and

to also provide a cue listening line to Wayne. UPI used a voice equalizer network in Washington DC to further enhance the audio. On Sunday after the earthquake hit the Los Angeles area, UPI used some of the "sound bites" from the interview in their hourly five minute newscasts.

Wayne was selected for the interview because he had previously worked with Mr. Daily at WAOV radio in Indiana. Daily was familiar with Wayne's activities in amateur radio in the sixties. Mr. Daily is one of the travel club founders mentioned in the June issue of the Lambda Net News.

LARC Election Nominations for 1993-1994 Term

For the office of ... I nominate ...

President

Vice President

Secretary

Mail this page to: LARC Election, P.O. Box 24810, Philadelphia, PA 19130
It must be received no later than August 1, 1992.

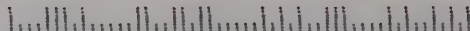
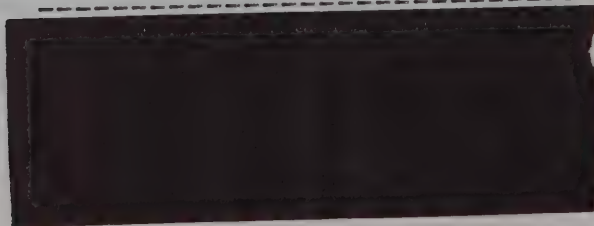
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Net Newsbits

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

LARC Nominations Sought

LARC members will find a nominations form included with this issue of the Lambda Net News. Each member can nominate any LARC member, including themselves, for the office of LARC President, Vice President, and Secretary for the 1993-1994 term. Members wishing to nominate candidates for LARC offices should complete the nominations form and return it to LARC headquarters, P.O.Box 24810, Philadelphia, PA 19130. Completed nomination forms must be received at the club POB by Saturday, August 15, 1992. The nominations process is the first step in the LARC elections process. After the nominations are received, nominated individuals will be contacted to insure that they are willing to appear on the LARC elections ballot for the office(s) for which they were nominated and are willing to serve in office if elected. Election ballots will then be prepared based upon the responses received from the nominees. Ballots will be mailed to the membership with the October issue of the Lambda Net News. The deadline for return of the ballots will be December 1, 1992. The winners of the election will assume office on January 1, 1993.

Local ARRL Official Spotlights LARC Chapter

Chris Tobias (KD3OA), the ARRL Eastern Pennsylvania Bulletin Manager, has recently been running "Club Spotlight" bulletins on packet radio which profile various amateur radio clubs located in the ARRL EPA section. Chris recently posted the following packet bulletin addressed to "Clubs @ EPA":

CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE CHAPTER, LAMBDA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

The City Of Brotherly Love Chapter, Lambda Amateur Radio Club serves the Philadelphia Metropolitan area, including southeast PA, south and central NJ, and northern Delaware. Their meetings are held monthly by arrangement. The City Of Brotherly Love (COBL) Chapter of the Lambda Amateur Radio Club (LARC) is one of nine LARC chapters affording members in a local area the opportunity to meet and socialize. LARC is an amateur radio club formed by and for gay and lesbian amateur radio operators, SWLs, and supporters. In addition to social activities, LARC chapters provide communications for public service events, and staff information tables at gay and lesbian community events providing information on ham radio and LARC. Chapters also provide an opportunity for members to assist each other with technical expertise relative to ham radio, electronics, and computers. Chapters assist unlicensed individuals to prepare for licensing exams.

Would you like to spread the word about your club? Send me the information today! Don't assume that someone else in the club has already done it! We want to hear from your club! Tell me about your group, so that I can tell the EPA Section about it! Let me know why you think your club is special!

73, Chris Tobias, KD3OA @ KD3OA
ARRL EPA Bulletin Manager

Welcome New European LARC Members

By James Dingwall (G4ILW, Newcastle upon Tyne, England)

Welcome to the latest members to join LARC-UK/Europe!

Brian Sandall (G3LGK) of Derbyshire, England, is active on HF with an excellent location and HF beam antenna. He is listening out for USA members during the trans-Atlantic LARC schedules.

Andrew Prior (G6HEL) has just moved to Oxfordshire, having completed a college course. Andrew has a VHF only UK call but can be reached via packet radio @ GB7AVM.GBR.EU. LARC members in the USA can say hello via the usual packet forwarding routes.

Michael Bergstrom (SMØTGA) joins LARC from Sweden. He is active on HF with an ICOM IC-781 and a 4-element Cushcraft A4S. Michael is not QRV on packet, but hopes to get a multimode controller for packet, RTTY, and AMTOR very soon.

Lone Star LARC News

By Charles S. Reavis (K9PVS/5, Dallas, TX)

On Sunday, June 7th, the Lone Star Chapter of LARC conducted a business meeting at the Farmers' Grill Restaurant in Dallas. Attending were LSLARC members Verlon Love (WB5MEI), Art Condra (N5MVI), and Charles Reavis (K9PVS/5). The Wellsville, KS chapter



President's Key

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)
President, LARC

At our recent COBL chapter meeting, the topic of coming out came up. One of our members said that he was relieved to have finally come out of the closet. He said he felt good about himself and that friends had been quite supportive. However, another member said that he could not come out because he worked in the computer business. I was disturbed by this and gave the matter a good deal of thought over the following few days. A number of questions came to mind. It's been 23 years since Stonewall. Are things still so bad that some of us must continue to lead double lives? Is any one business or vocation that much more hostile to gays and lesbians than others?

I suppose if you're a Christian Fundamentalist minister, a campaign worker for Pat Buchanan, or Jesse Helms' legislative assistant then you really ought to seek a different line of work if you're gay or lesbian. But you should still come out! No job is worth leading a lie throughout your entire life!

But I don't think the computer business is anywhere near that bad. I know at least one openly gay LARC member who is also in the computer business: Don (WB6LYI). Don has been very visible in his leadership role with LARC over the years. He's never indicated to me that his visibility with LARC has hurt his career.

There's an element of fear at work any time any of us is faced with a coming-out situation. Fear of rejection, fear of disapproval; these are strong fears that we must work to overcome. We've got to trust our families, our friends, our co-workers, and even strangers to treat us decently. Nine times out of ten they will, and they'll appreciate our honesty and our willingness to trust them.

The flip side of this is nasty. Chances are people who are important to us already know. If we stay closeted the truth is whispered behind our backs. Our own dishonesty breeds contempt. How can we expect people to treat us like equals if we don't behave as if we believe we are equal?

If we give people the benefit of the doubt, if we're honest with them about who and what we are, then they'll come through for us. Just look at the unsolicited support from straight hams that LARC continues to receive. We can't expect such support in our own individual lives unless we overcome our own fear of rejection and make a conscious decision to come out of the closet. Alright, it's not easy! It's probably the hardest thing each of us has to do. And it's an ongoing process, not a one time thing. And it's not fair that straight people don't have to worry about this problem. But it's your life and happiness that's at stake. Why settle for a double life? Why live a daily lie? de KK3K

Travel Club

By Wayne Schuler (AI9Q, Vancouver, WA), LNN Circulation Manager

Sick and tired of vacations where you can't be yourself? Then join our grass roots travel club. We are a small, but growing, group and would like for you to join us this fall on a fantastic yet cheap trip to Breckenridge, Colorado. Many of our members are radio amateurs, commercial broadcasters, and computer buffs from around the country.

We will be staying in large, beautiful three bedroom villas each full kitchens, fireplaces, on-site hot tubs, and much more. The cost for the trip is approximately \$250 for the entire week (airfare is extra — reduced rates). Members usually pay no more than \$200-250 for airfare from anywhere in the USA. The basic \$250 includes a full week of lodging, shared car rental, fuel, and refrigerator stocking for the villa. We have been doing this for the past three years, so we are experienced in getting cheap ... sorry, affordable ... travel for our members.

The club is made up of a diverse group of guys ages 21 and up. Members are from all over the US, the Russian republics, and Europe. Our main goal is to have fun and enjoy ourselves. If you are interested in hiking, exploring, white water rafting, tennis, eating out, or just snuggling up in front of a fireplace, that's fine too. The villas are rated luxury class by the Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, contact Wayne (AI9Q) at P.O. Box 9900-103, Vancouver, WA 98668, or phone 800-972-0301. Ask for our newsletter.

We would like to have you join us this fall. Respond ASAP if you are interested as plans are afoot to secure the required number of facilities. Departure date is October 10, 1992. Don't forget to bring along your HT!

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Membership Roster

Membership rosters are published several times each year and will be inserted into an issue of the LAMBDA NET NEWS. This summarized roster lists basic member information.

If you'd like to receive a highly detailed, in-depth listing of each member, just send a 9" x 12" self-addressed envelope with \$1.90 postage affixed and a custom printed roster will be on its way to you. This way, you can have an updated roster as often as you'd like and LARC will not be sending rosters to anyone who doesn't want one.

Mail your request TODAY to:

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LARC Chapter Directory

City of Brotherly Love (COBL) Chapter

Contact: Jim Kelly (KK3K)
P.O. Box 24810
Philadelphia, PA 19130
(215) 978-LARC

Serves Phila. metro area including S. Jersey, N. Delaware, and Maryland.
Meetings every 6-8 weeks. No dues.
Note: Chapter presently inactive.

Finger Lakes Chapter

Contact: Irv (AF2K)
515 Drumm Rd.
Webster, NY 14580
(716) 671-4430

or contact:

Dave (KE2GE)
80 Campfire Rd. N.
Henrietta, NY 14467
(716) 359-3337

Serves western and central NY state.
Meetings 3rd Friday each month for dinner/meeting. Dues are \$5 per year.

Golden Gate Chapter

Contact: Kit Brown, President
P.O. Box 14073
San Francisco, CA 94114
(415) 863-1196

Serves San Francisco Bay area. Meetings monthly on 2nd Thursday at 8 PM. Dues are \$15 per year. Note: Additional social events are frequently scheduled.

Hollywood Chapter

Contact: Rick Fearn (K6VE), President
P.O. Box 65643
Los Angeles, CA 90065
(213) 256-6556

Serves southern California. Meetings are monthly on weekends on announced schedule. Dues. Note: Field trips and outings are often scheduled.

Why We Do What We Do

By Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI, Long Beach, CA)

Vice President, LARC

I am often asked, "Why do you go to all the trouble and hassle of fighting the ARRL? They said they'd run our ad — so you got what you want. Why isn't this good enough?"

And sometimes I also wonder.

Then, whenever we get a letter from someone like Lysov Serge, I am reminded why we do what we do. Why we do battle with the League. Why we stick our necks out for some in our hobby to take a crack at lopping them off. Why I spent hour after hour patiently responding to the comments and snide remarks on the CompuServe Information Service, doing a little education along the way. Why other LARC members do the same.

It's because this is about more than just a little ad in a hobby rag.

It's more than just educating the general conservative ham population. It's about coming out. It's also about getting connected with other gay men and lesbian women.

When I joined LARC in 1985, I encountered some of our members in the closet. Some are still in the closet — locked in by fear. Many have found their identity and are comfortable with themselves. But they weren't always so comfortable. Some of our own members opposed running advertising or being

listed on our own roster for fear that "someone" would find out and make their existence a living hell. For some, LARC was the only contact they had with anyone gay.

Today, these same members are often the first to insist on taking the bull by the horns. They have seen that their world did not come to an end. No one put graffiti on their door. No drive-by shootings by unhappy homophobic hams in their community. Most importantly, they have seen that positive change is possible. They want more.

Extending common civil rights to gay men and lesbian women is a fight that goes on around the world today. The atmosphere in Great Britain concerns many. Not too long ago, the letter we received from Lysov Serge of the Ukraine might have caused his arrest.

So, why do we do what we do? Why do we need an assurance that there will not be future discrimination from the ARRL? So there will be a place of support and understanding when someone who happens to be a gay ham needs it. So we can gather and share experiences without fear. So we can be whole people. Oh yeah ... and so we can find more LARC members.

Minutes of 1992 Annual Business Meeting

The annual business meeting of the Lambda Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 6:04 pm in Room 101 of the Econo-Lodge in Dayton, OH, by the President, Jim Kelly, KK3K on Saturday, April 25, 1992.

KK3K welcomed the members, guests, and friends present and the officers introduced themselves: Jim Kelly, KK3K, President; Don Bledsoe, WB6LYI, Vice-President; Philip Jenkins, WD4IJV, Membership Secretary for call areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 8; and Tom Hendrix, KI4ZN, Treasurer and Awards Coordinator.

Those in attendance then introduced themselves: Nick Altenbernd, KA1MQX; Brian DeWitt; Art Condra, N5MVI; Roddy Reavis; Howard Wyman, W9BVD; LeRoy Lawhorn, W4VIW; Dave Frizzell, WD8IKB; Dick Wareing, K3AKK; Eric Levinson, N6ZSU, Treasurer of the Hollywood chapter; Vicki Jeczen; Carolyn Davidson, WA8MWA; Robert Pacetelli; Darian Lewis, KB8FOX; Gordon Charrick, N4YTX; Ken Unger, N1HRZ; Dale Clark, WA0CFQ; Irv Goodman, AF2K, Secretary of the Finger Lakes chapter; Larry Maso, NU4B; Jim Keeth, AF9A; Larry Vogt, N4VA; Bob Laycock, KA8UHL; Bob Hunter, NG2P; Ray Dabkowski, N8KBF; Mark Wilcox, KC3XC; Vic Love, WB5MEI; John Chitwood, K3RBG; Dave Dean, N8NSA; Cindy Dean; Ed Good, WA3NGD; Thurman Grossnickel; Ernest Collins; Ted Lovett; Gordon Turner, WB5OYL; and Dick Ramey.

Robert Pacetelli was in charge of the raffle this year and prizes were Windows 3.0 and Paintbrush, donated by KI4ZN, and a 92 US Callbook and a Repeater Directory.

Requests for the LARC banner need to go to KK3K or WB6LYI — there is one on each coast available to the membership.

Thanks this year go to: W9BVD for lodging and reservations, AF2K for the meeting room and obtaining ID cards (for the group photo) and membership cards; and KI4ZN and Dick for the hospitality suite.

A special thanks went out to those who renewed their memberships and made an extra contribution.

The following who contributed to the Newsletter in the past year were recognized: Larry, WB9LOZ, and Bill, K9AT, for their article on San Francisco's Domestic Partners Ordinance; Charlie, K9PVS/5, for his column on his trip to Berlin; Art, KC6TAD, for his report on the Hollywood Chapter's tour of Mt. Wilson; KI4ZN; for instructions on finding north via the sun; KK3K, for his article on his and Dan's trip to China; and WD4IJV for his column on 10 meter FM.

KK3K complimented WD4IJV and Paul Hulse, KK6JD, for the excellent job they have been doing as Membership Secretaries.

Club elections are coming up later this year. Nominations for the various offices should be
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New LNN Service Innaugurated

Over the years, we've had many requests for a personals section, but no one ever submitted a notice. Times have changed and it's here now! Send your ad today to the newsletter address on page 2.

Personals

I would like to share my home and expense with a compatible ham.

LeRoy D. Lawhorn, W4VIW
Lambda #1095
213 McDonald Street
Greenville, SC 29609-5630
(803) 233-3527

Net Newsbits

In addition, Chris sent the following message to COBL chapter member Jim (KK3K): "Yours is an unusual club, indeed. It is important to me that your club be given the recognition it deserves. There are surely many hams who can benefit from your club, but I wonder how many would have the guts to come out in front of such a conservative audience, the amateur radio population as a whole. I respect the courage of those of you who have done so. Thank you for the information about your organization. I'm glad to relay this information to the amateurs of Eastern PA."

Congressional Bills Seek to Protect Amateur Spectrum



Legislation pending before the U.S. House of Representatives (H.R. 73) and the U.S. Senate (S. 1372) are designed to protect amateur frequencies according to ARRL spokespersons. The resolutions are worded in nearly identical fashion: "If any portion of the Amateur Radio Spectrum is reallocated for any reason, it MUST be replaced with the same bandwidth and that bandwidth must have the SAME or SIMILAR PROPAGATION PROPERTIES." The intent of these bills is to protect the amateur radio service from future attacks from business interests, such as UPS, and others who stand to gain financially or commercially from the acquisition of amateur frequencies. Hams are urged to contact their Representatives and Senators to make sure that they support this important legislation.

HF Net Schedule Correction

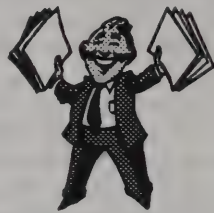
Per Bob (WB6YYZ), the West Coast Sunday SSB sked meets at 20:30 UTC all year and not at 2 PM local time as listed

N6ZSU Off to Barcelona

Eric Levinson (N6ZSU) of the Hollywood Chapter of LARC, expects to receive his operating permit from the Spanish Government in time for him to operate from Barcelona on OSCAR-13 Mode B as EA3/N6ZSU from July 5 to August 23. Listen for him on OSCAR-13 around 145.890!

on the LARC Net Schedules sheet mailed with last month's newsletter.

Chapter News



Gordon (WB5OYL).

The COBL Chapter (Phila.) had its first meeting in over a year on Sunday, June 7. In attendance were Jim (K3ATI), Rick (K2JOZ), Mike (N2QBN), Steve (AA3AE), and Jim (KK3K). Members made plans to continue meeting on a regular basis. The next meeting was slated for early July.

The Golden Gate Chapter was busy in June preparing for their booth at the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day event. Planning for this event comes on the heels of a very successful joint effort with members of the Hollywood Chapter in providing communications for the 8th Annual AIDS benefit Bike-A-Thon.

The Finger Lakes Chapter was also busy in June planning for their booth at the annual GAGV (gay pride day) picnic to be held on Sunday, June 28. Chapter members also attended a flea market in East Avon on June 21.

The Hollywood Chapter is planning "mini-field trips" on alternate months. They are also looking at ways to provide community service as well as new ways to publicize their club.

Member Correspondence

Congratulations to Steve (AA3AE) on his upgrade to Extra Class and his brand new callsign! His old call was N3IXT.

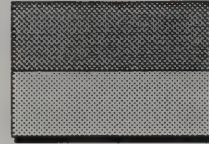
Derek (W4/G4JKE) is back on the air from his new QTH in Key West, Florida. Look for Derek on the LARC nets.

Boudda (N2OIA) and Doc (N2IKR) are now QRV on satellite having successfully digipeated packets through U2MIR, the Russian space station.

Stuart (GØBEV) is recuperating from a medical procedure and will be spending

some time in southern France in June.

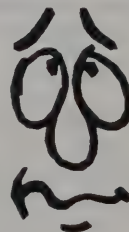
Lysov Serge, a SWL from the Ukraine, wrote in to request membership information. Lysov is gay and is waiting for his ham license. He is 20 years old and a student of physics and mathematics at the Cherkassy



pedagogical college. He would also enjoy corresponding with LARC members. His address is Lysov Serge, P.O. Box 931, 257005 Cherkassy, Ukraine.

Miscellany

According to Paula Ettelbrick, Director of Lambda Legal, AT&T, the company that prides itself on helping people "reach out and touch" family and friends, recently denied a "sickness death benefit" to the surviving spouse of one of its most loyal sales managers. Sandra Rovira and Marjorie Forlini lived together for 12 years, during which time they both raised and supported Sandra's two sons. Marjorie worked for AT&T. When Marjorie died, Sandra applied to AT&T for its sickness death benefit which is routinely paid to surviving spouses and children. AT&T, which has a much touted non-discrimination policy covering sexual orientation and marital status, denied Sandra's request for the benefit because she is not a "Spouse." The boys' claim was denied because they shared no legal or biological relationship with Marjorie. Lambda Legal sued AT&T in federal court for discriminating in violation of their own policy. Lambda Legal is working hard to submit this case to a judge for a ruling. As is typical in all of Lambda Legal's cases, the outcome will not just affect AT&T employees, but will impact on the domestic partner benefits of employees working for thousands of companies who pledge not to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation or marital status.



Addendum

In Stuart Hill's (GØBEV) wonderful article on AMTOR, we did not include his complete, full address for message routing. Here it is:

GØBEV @ GB7PLX.#48.GBR.EU

Lambda Amateur Radio Club

Application for Award Certificate

Callsign

Award Desired

Name

Endorsement

Address

Mode

City, State, Postal/Zip Code

Province/Country

I certify that the information is true as shown on the log sheet.

Date of
Application

Applicant's Signature

LOG SHEET

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Send completed application to:

Tom Hendrix (KI4ZN)
LARC Awards Program Administrator
270 E. Bahama Road
Winter Springs, FL 32708

LARC "Worked All Membership" Award

Sponsored by the
Lambda Amateur Radio Club

Description

LARC will award a certificate to any licensed amateur submitting an application listing all required information and certifying that he/she has qualified for an award under the program.

Purpose

To encourage club members and other interested amateurs to work other LARC members using different modes.

Basic Award

Work 10 LARC members using any mode or combination of modes. Endorsements are available in further increments of a group of 5 additional new contacts.

Special Endorsements

1. SSB only.
2. CW only.
3. RTTY only.
4. Packet only (No signal report required.)
5. Band and All-Band
Band: 60, 80/75, 40, 30, 24, 20, 18, 15, 10, 6, 2 meters, special VHF, and special UHF.
All-Band: 80/75, 40, 20, 15, 10 meters.
6. 10 States with additional endorsements available for Each additional group of 5 states in which a LARC members is worked.

Rules

1. All contacts must be made after May 1, 1988.
2. All contacts must be two-way.
 - a. QSL CARDS ARE NOT REQUIRED. USE THE LOG SHEET ON THE REVERSE.

- b. Signal reports are required except for packet and 2 meter FM contacts. However, no minimum signal report is required.

3. A log sheet must be submitted to the program administrator to apply for a certificate or endorsement. The application is available from the program administrator and asks for the following information:
 - a. Applicant's name, address, and callsign.
 - b. Award of endorsement achieved.
 - c. Mode (if applicable)
 - d. Applicant's signature and date.
4. The log sheet should list for each contact:
 - a. Date of contact
 - b. Callsign of contact
 - c. Frequency
 - d. Signal report (if applicable)
 - e. Mode
 - f. State (if applicable)

LARC "Top-Op" Award

Each year, LARC will award a trophy or plaque to the LARC member who has received the most endorsements during the year. The award will be presented yearly at the Dayton Hamvention. The dates of record for this award will be March 1 to February 28 of each year. Applications must be received by the award program administrator between these dates to qualify for this award. In case of a tie, multiple awards will be presented.

LARC "Operating Achievement" Award

LARC will award a trophy or plaque to each LARC member who qualifies for the basic award plus 5 endorsements. There is no time limit for this award. The award will be made at the time the 5th endorsement is achieved.

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submitted during the summer in order to ask the individuals named if they would be willing to serve. Ballots will be in the November issue and will be counted in December so that the winners will take office on January 1. Members wishing to nominate someone or themselves should contact KK3K or WB6LYI.

Wayne Schuler, AI9Q, is now reproducing and mailing the newsletter that WB6LYI produces. A big thank you goes to him!

The European Chapter had 9 members renew and 2 new members join. Stuart Hill, G0BEV, will attempt to place ads in French and German publications during his travels this summer. The European chapter takes the US newsletter layout and customizes it to their needs.

The LARC ad is now running in CQ, 73, and Radio Fun, as well as several regional gay magazines and newsletters. Apparently there is no overlap in readership among the radio magazines - the response to the CQ ad has been phenomenal and KK3K stated that he had spoken recently to woman who had never heard of LARC because she only read QST. We will next attempt to run ads in Worldradio and Radioscan.

At the beginning of April there were 134 members, dead even with last year. However, there were renewal reminders sent to 50 other members that had not yet been returned.

The Executive Committee is looking for comments on fine-tuning the nets — additions, changes, deletions, etc. KK3K noted it's getting harder to contact G0BEV, especially on 10 M.

The Executive Committee is planning to update the brochure this year.

The lending library is always in need of donations, especially the new no-code materials to assist upgrades and new licensees. Art Anderson, KBOJQP, successfully utilized the library.

The big topic this year is the ARRL. Our claim was filed by Lambda Legal on Wednesday, 25 March. The ARRL Executive Committee met on Saturday, 28 March, so they had a copy of our claim in hand prior to their meeting. On Thursday 2 April KK3K received a call from Dave Sumner, K1ZZ, saying that the Executive Committee had voted to return the decision to advertise to HQ staff. Our ad, as it was submitted last October, is acceptable in QST. KK3K replied that he, Jim, would need time

to discuss this with our attorney who will get back to Dave. KK3K has spoken to Suzanne Goldberg on 2 occasions since. KK3K, WB6LYI, and Suzanne are asking for the following: written assurance that ARRL will not discriminate in the future (a must-have before withdrawing the claim); publish a non-discriminatory statement in QST on the editorial page; expanded LARC coverage in the "Up Front" photo and Club Spectrum sections: running a block ad or running our ad free for a period of time. (These are negotiating positions, not carved in stone.) As of Wednesday, 22 April, Suzanne and Chris Imlay, ARRL counsel, had not spoken.

KK3K stated that the refusal to run the ad was not the problem, it was a symptom of the problem. We cannot drop the claim simply because they agreed to run the ad. They voted only to allow the ARRL staff to make the decision on running the ad — we have no assurance that other forms of discrimination have not, are not, or will not take place or the Executive Committee will not change its mind in the future and pull the ad. Our attorney is asking for assurance that there will be no discrimination in the future.

A second consideration is that the claim is still pending before the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities in Connecticut. We are beginning to see press coverage of the controversy. The ARRL says that our claim is now moot because they have agreed to run the ad. However, LARC is reiterating to the press that the claim is still pending and "it has not been withdrawn pending assurance from the ARRL that there will be no further discrimination against our club."

VICE-PRESIDENT

WB6LYI is always looking for submissions to the Lambda Net News — travel logs, technical articles, anything the members have been doing that they think others might enjoy. The format does not have to be fancy — a basic outline will do. It can be submitted longhand, typed, on WordPerfect, as an ASCII file, or on Compuserve. Photos of individuals are fine; that's why we take so many pictures at Dayton.

It usually takes 4 hours to do the graphics and editing for the master copy, one of which goes to AI9Q and the other goes airmail to Great Britain.

Folding, stapling, and labeling usually takes about 6 hours because there are so many of us!

WB6LYI has also been busy talking to KK3K 1, 2, and 3 times a day about the ARRL, as well as going on a DXpedition with him. He is planning on including updated rosters in LNN every other month. (A more detailed roster is available — see page 2 of the newsletter for info.) If he or any of the Executive Committee can provide additional services, just let him know.

SECRETARY

WD4IJV read a report from KK6JD, who could not be at Dayton.

KK6JD purports to get back 3.5 out of 4 applications (!) that he sends out. He would like to see local clubs advertise more, such as in bookstores and bars, and can custom print brochures and flyers. He also reports that many new members find that it's "such a relief to know there's another gay ham." (WD4IJV agreed with this, and added that for many of them it is the same feeling that you get when you find out there are other gays and lesbians in the world.) WD4IJV then gave a detailed description of the membership process, from KK3K first receiving the inquiries in the club PO Box or on the hotline (and many are using the phone, rather than writing), to answering the inquiry, to checking out the applications (and applicant) that he receives back. He covered the verification procedure of individual applicants thoroughly. He also gets inquiries from individual members such as KC3XC who are listed as contact persons in various magazines or who are on computer services/BBS. AF2K asked about checking area codes, since zip codes are part of the screening. WD4IJV replied that he does if an application seems suspicious as an additional verification procedure. WB6LYI then detailed what he does with the applications. New members receive a care package of recent issues of LNN, a roster, the awards program, and a Net schedule. N8NSA complimented WD4IJV on his fast turn-around time from initial inquiry to calling Cindy, his wife, on the phone to confirm her membership. KK3K stated that getting an invitation to the Rose Garden was easier than getting into LARC! (Laughter) WD4IJV expects a flood of inquiries, legitimate and bogus, when the QST ad runs. He has answered 101 queries since Jan 1,

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LARC Election Nominations for 1993-1994 Term

For the office of ... I nominate ...

President

Vice President

Secretary

Mail this page to:

LARC Election, P.O. Box 24810, Philadelphia, PA 19130
It must be received no later than August 1, 1992.

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1991, and of those 30 have become members, most of those coming since the CQ ad began running.

TREASURER

KI4ZN reported that there was a balance of \$2174.35 in the bank as of April 21. We have had some unusual expenses this year due to the claim against the ARRL, but are still some 300 dollars ahead of last year. He also expressed his disappointment at the scant number of members who use the awards program - he claims that you can easily get the basic award just by being on 2M at Dayton! Members are encouraged to participate.

KK3K then took the floor and remembered the death on March 23 of Ken Davis, W6RFN, a member of both the Golden Gate and International chapters, due to AIDS.

KK3K gave his personal thanks to the members who wrote their ARRL representatives concerning the ad issue.

The only resolution from the chair was to name the following as honorary members of LARC for 1992: Dick Ramey, Ernest Collins, Bruce Dickinson (with WD8IKB), Thurman Grossnickle, Vicki Jeczen, Ted Lovett (with KC3XC), Chris Thompson (with K3RGB), and Joe Wongphutong.

The chair then opened the floor for general discussion. WB6LYI was commended by the membership for his response to the arguments on Compuserve on the claim against the ARRL. A "what do we want from the ARRL?" discussion followed. KK3K was asked about encouraging members to resign from the ARRL - he replied that any such resolution would be non-binding, that the decision was up to the individual club members.

KA8UHL remarked that the March on Washington next year was on the same Sunday as the Hamvention and he was curious how many people were going to try to attend both.

KK3K adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.

ADDENDUM

At the banquet at the Bombay Bicycle Club, top op honors were presented to AF2K, and operating achievers were N2IKR and WD4UV. The award for outstanding amateur service went to W9BVD for his work on obtaining lodging at Dayton and handling members reservations for many years.

Joe Ciecorka, KA3UBG, and Scott Robinson, and Bruce Dickinson were also present at the banquet in addition to the above mentioned members at the business meeting.

Respectively submitted,

Philip Jenkins, WD4UV, Membership Secretary

Lone Star LARC News

was represented by its entire membership in the person of Dale Clark (WA0CFQ).

Since no one else felt like it, K9PVS/5 acted as presiding officer pro tem. Chapter member Roddy Reavis was not in attendance.

The following motions were moved, seconded, and passed by voice vote:

1. The official name of the Lone Star Chapter of LARC will be: Lone Star LARC.

2. LSLARC extends a hearty Texas "Y'all come!" to all LARC members, significant others, friends of LARC members worldwide, and other interested parties to attend the 1993 HamCom Hamfest to be held in the Arlington, Texas Convention Center, June 4-6 1993.

After passing the above motions, the waitperson brought our food and the meeting was officially adjourned. There may be another formal business meeting sometime in the future if LSLARC

members are in the mood for it and they don't have anything else to do.

Following the breakfast meeting, the above named individuals drove to Arlington and attended HamCom. WB5MEI bought Lotus 1-2-3 for Windows. K9PVS/5 bought a power cable for his Quantum battery and a UHF SWR/Power Meter. I forgot what N5MVI, WA0CFQ, and Roddy Reavis bought.

The Arlington Convention Center is located right next to the Texas Rangers Stadium, Six Flags Over Texas, and Wet & Wild. It is about 20 minutes from Dallas-Ft. Worth Airport and about 45 minutes from downtown Dallas. The HamCom Hamfest has been growing every year for the last few years and now spans over a three-day weekend. There are many fine hotels nearby and the hamfest attracts visitors from all over.

It's a mini-Dayton and usually has nicer weather.

On Friday night, June 5th, Dale and Charlie attended the flea market.

The commercial exhibits opened on Saturday and were attended by Roddy, Verlon, Art, and Dale. Charlie had to work that day.

On Sunday, Verlon, Art, Charlie, and Dale went to the final day of HamCom. Later, Art and Charlie dropped Dale off at DFW Airport for his return flight to Wellsville.

LSLARC members can be found on the National LARC Simplex Frequency of 145.80 and they also use 449.995 and 446.00 simplex as well as the Dallas Amateur Radio Club repeater 442.425 when out of simplex range.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles S. Reavis, K9PVS/5
Corresponding Secretary

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KK3K

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By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

Westlink Homophobia Challenged

The publisher of The Westlink Report, Burt Hicks (WB6MQV), has come under fire for his virulently homophobic editorial comments contained in issue #624 of the Report. In that issue, the LARC v. ARRL dispute was reported first in the fashion of a news story under the heading "Lambda's Complaint," however, this was followed by the editorial comments of Hicks. Hicks launched into a confused diatribe against LARC quoting the Bible to back up his attack. Hicks' comments included:

"...The ARRL is no more duty-bound to help recruit homosexuals than it is to recruit converts to any particular religion or political party. The League was formed to promote amateur radio, not any particular deviant group made up of licensed amateurs ... the organization [LARC] and its ACLU fellow travellers might better invest a few minutes with the Scriptures, rather than seeing how much hate and discontent they can generate."

Hicks attack against LARC and the ACLU did not go unchallenged. In issue #625 of the Report, a lengthy and well-written rebuttal from Phil Temples (K9HI) was reprinted. Mr. Temples, who is not a member of LARC, took Hicks to task: "Your line of reasoning makes absolutely no sense, with respect to the real issue in question: whether the League has discriminated against Lambda in refusing to publish its advertisement. You are totally out in left field (or should I say, right field?). Were it not for the fact that you are a highly influential individual in the amateur radio field, I would not even consider investing the time and effort to respond to such nonsense ... keep your small-minded, prejudiced fears to yourself. Stick to simple, well-written journalism. Don't spoil what many have come to believe is a good amateur radio publication by printing such editorial drivel on page one-or any other page, for that matter."

In addition to this letter, LARC has received copies of additional correspondence, originated by LARC members as well as non-members, in support of our club. Thanks to Steve (KD6ZZ) for sending in copies of related correspondence.

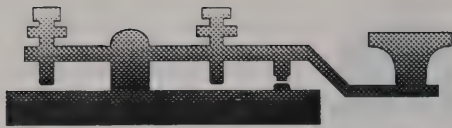
Dayton Hamvention Report

A new LARC hamfest attendance record was set this year as 46 LARC members, life-partners, friends and guests attended one of the worlds largest hamfests, the Dayton Hamvention. LARC attenders included: Art (N5MVI); Don (WB6LYI); Eric (N6ZSU); Tom (KI4ZN and Dick Ramey; LeRoy (W4VIW); Mark (KC3XC) and Ted Lovett; Nick (KA1MQX); Vic (WB5MEI); Dick (K3AKK) and Joe Wongphuthon; Ed (WA3NGD) and Thurman Grossnickle; Howard (W9BVD); Philip (WD4IJV) and Ernest Collins; Jim (KK3K); Dale (WA0CFQ); Bob (NG2P); Bob (KA8UHL); Keith (KA4PNO); John (K3RGB) and Chris Thompson; Roddy Reavis; Robert Pacetelli; Larry (NU4B); Irv (AF2K); Ken (N1HRZ); Darian (KB8FOX); Gordon (N4YTX); Carolyn (WA8MWA) and Vikki Jeczen; Ray (N8KBF); Gordon (WB5OYL); Joe (KA3UBG) and Scott Robinson; Dave (WD8IKB) and Bruce Dickenson; Jim (AF9A); Scott (KB2ARL); Dave (N8NSA) and Cindy Dean; Larry (N4VA); Brian DeWitt; and Joe (WA0WRI).

LARC members began to arrive in Dayton on Thursday, April 23, and most arrivals checked into the LARC headquarters hotel, the Econo-Lodge. A contingent of over 20 LARC members had dinner Thursday evening at the Olive Garden, an Italian restaurant. This restaurant was a hit with the LARC contingent and will most likely be revisited by the group next year. Tom (KI4ZN) and Dick once again graciously allowed their room to be used as a LARC hospitality suite and many members gathered there for socializing throughout the weekend. This year the weather was not as good as in previous years. It was chilly throughout the entire weekend and there were occasional showers, however, nothing could dampen the high spirits of everyone eager for the opening of the Hamvention at Hara arena.

On Friday morning, some of the more ambitious LARC members got an early start so that they could attend the flea market which opened very early in the morning. Others ambled over to Denny's for coffee and breakfast before leaving for the Hamvention. The chilly weather and threat of rain ensured that a large crowd was eagerly awaiting the noon opening of the Hara arena indoor exhibit areas.

The massive indoor exhibit area seems to expand each year. All of the major manufacturers were there in force: Kenwood, Icom, Yaesu. In addition, hundreds of other exhibitors selling everything from ham and computer gear through consumer electronics were in evidence. This year, Kenwood and Icom had



President's Key

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)
President, LARC

It's been gratifying to see the correspondence from straight hams who took the time to write to LARC headquarters to tell us that they're on our side in our dispute with the ARRL. I've received several such letters. Still other straight hams went on record in support of LARC by writing in to criticize the vicious anti-gay sentiments of Westlink Report publisher Burt Hicks (WB6MQV). Still other straight hams have gone to bat for LARC on the computer bulletin boards. I've seen copies of such exchanges on Compuserve, Prodigy and FidoNet. While we have much work to do within the ranks of our hobby to combat homophobia among some of our fellow hams, it sure is nice to know that we have our friends willing to help us out there as well. I have a great deal of admiration for these courageous hams who were not afraid to stand up and be counted. This is what I think being a ham is all about!

I'm particularly disappointed that 73 Amateur Radio did not cover the filing of our claim against the ARRL. I don't know why they decided not to mention it. It certainly is news. By not covering the story, they help the ARRL keep the whole matter a dirty little secret like they've been doing for the past six years. Could it be that the staff at 73 still is uncomfortable covering gay and lesbian hams? Maybe that's why Wayne Green included another editorial on gay hams. The last time the staff of 73 wouldn't work with us, Wayne wrote an editorial. Perhaps this is yet another instance of homophobia on the part of the staff at 73.

QST covered the deliberations of the ARRL Executive Committee meeting in March but, once again, no mention of the LARC ad dispute even though we all know that the issue came up and was a hot topic. So much for the ARRL as a democracy.

Luckily, LARC need not depend on the mainstream ham radio press for fair treatment. When our discrimination claim is finally settled, we'll have solid protection thanks to Lambda Legal and the citizens of the State of Connecticut. de KK3K

Dayton Hamvention Report

special exhibits in the outdoor area which included fully operational stations. Kenwood's special exhibit was housed in a large, impressive tractor-trailer that can be driven anywhere in the country for exhibitions. Standard Radio has joined the ranks of the major exhibitors with a nice booth and some very impressive equipment. Yaesu was this year's top prize contributor. The flea market was also seemingly larger this year, although it has been rearranged due to the construction of a golf course in back of Hara arena.

On Friday night, about two dozen LARC members made the annual pilgrimage to the Casa Lupita restaurant, a Mexican restaurant which has become a LARC tradition at the Hamvention. Perhaps it has something to do with the delicious Magaritas! The group had a good time and enjoyed the excellent Mexican food.

On Saturday, LARC members joined over thirty thousand other hams for a full day of Hamventioning. The crowds in the indoor exhibit areas were quite large. It was almost impossible to walk through the Kenwood and Icom areas due to the crush of people. Forums on a wide variety of topics were constantly underway. LARC members kept in touch via two meters using the simplex frequency of 145.80.

The pre-business meeting LARC social hour got underway back at the hotel at 5 PM Saturday afternoon. It was decided to assemble for the LARC group photograph back at the hotel rather than at the hamvention. This was accomplished in between occasional showers. LARC President Jim (KK3K) gavelled the business meeting into session at 6 PM. The meeting went smoothly and ended early at about 7:15 PM. Then it was off to the LARC Awards Banquet held this year at the Bombay Bicycle Club Bar and Restaurant just a short walk from the hotel. 42 LARC members attended the banquet. After dinner, awards were presented to recognize the accomplishments of several LARC members during the year.

On Sunday, the final day of the Hamvention, many LARC members had flights to catch, so it was time for some to say goodbye to new friends made during the weekend. A contingent of LARC members stayed on until the final prize drawings in Hara Arena at the end of the Hamvention. While no LARC member won a major prize, all who attended were winners of a great time at this year's Dayton Hamvention.

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New LNN Service Innaugurated

Over the years, we've had many requests for a personals section, but no one ever submitted a notice. Times have changed and it's here now! Send your ad today to the newsletter address on page 2.

Personals

I would like to share my home and expense with a compatible ham.

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Net Newsbits

Major Ham Magazines Fail to Cover LARC v. ARRL Issue

The June, 1992 issues of the three major ham radio magazines, QST, 73 Amateur Radio and CQ Magazine have hit the streets, however, there is no mention in any of these publications of the legal action initiated by LARC against the ARRL charging discrimination. All three of these publications received copies of the press release issued by the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund immediately after LARC's claim was filed in late March.

The June issue of QST contains the minutes of the ARRL Executive Committee Meeting held on March 28, 1992 on page 61. Item 5 of the minutes reads as follows: "On motion of Mr. Quiat, it was unanimously voted that earlier Executive Committee instructions to staff regarding the acceptability of Ham-Ads are rescinded." Presumably, this action refers to LARC's ad.

W2NSD/1 Editorializes Again On Gay Hams

Wayne Green (W2NSD/1) has once again devoted space in his June, 1992 73 Amateur Radio column "Never Say Die" to the issue of gay hams. In a segment titled "Homosexual Hams" Green

writes: "There are probably some red-faced hams out there who were furious with me for running ads last year for a homosexual ham club ... I explained in my editorial that it's genetic, so not to worry that their impressionable children would be lured into homosexual liaisons once they knew there was a homosexual ham club ... It is not something which is curable ... A number of news magazines have reported on recent scientific research which shows that one's sexuality is born, not bred ... I can't do much about hams who hate or fear homosexuals because of stupidity, but perhaps I can help combat ignorance on the subject and make things a little more comfortable for everyone."



LARC UK/Europe Expands

Welcome to the latest members of LARC to join through the UK/Europe chapter.



Brian Sandall (G3LGK) of Derbyshire, England is active on HF with an excellent location and HF beam antenna. He is listening out for USA members during the transatlantic LARC schedules. Andrew Prior (G6HEL) has just moved to Oxfordshire having completed a college course. Andrew has a VHF only UK call but he can be reached via packet radio at the mailbox GB7AVM. USA members can say hello via the usual packet forwarding routes. Finally, Michael Bergstrom (SMØTGA) joins LARC from Sweden. He is active on HF with an ICOM IC-781 and a 4 element Cushcraft A4S. Michael is not QRV on packet but he hopes to get a multimode controller for packet, RTTY and AMTOR very soon. Thanks to James (G4ILW) for sending in this information.)

LARC Chapters Plan For Gay And Lesbian Pride Month Events

The Finger Lakes Chapter of LARC has held preliminary discussions regarding setting up an information table at the Rochester Gay Alliance annual picnic to be held on Sunday, June 28. The FLC may set up an HF station at the event, since field day falls on that same weekend.

The Golden Gate Chapter will sponsor a booth at the San Francisco Gay Freedom Days Event to be held on the weekend of June 27 and 28.

The Hollywood Chapter attended the Long Beach Lesbian and Gay Pride Celebration as a group. The event took place on the weekend of May 16 & 17 at Shoreline Aquatic Park which is across from the Queen Mary. The theme of this year's event was "PRIDE EQUALS POWER". The chapter is also planning to participate in field day in June.

HF Propagation Spotty As Cycle 22 Wanes

Check-ins to LARC HF nets during the past few months have no doubt noticed that conditions have been deteriorating on HF. Part of this is due to the onset of Spring and the approach of summertime with characteristic changes in propagation paths and reduced MUF

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OSCAR DXpedition to VP2E & VP2V

By Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI) & Jim Kelly (KK3K)

Editor's Note

Although the article below was not accepted for publication by Z3 Amateur Radio Today, it is published here in its entirety for your enjoyment.

An OSCAR DXpedition to a remote Caribbean island is a rough, tough job ... but somebody's just got to do it!

Jim Kelly (KK3K) had originally planned to go to VP5, Turks & Caicos Islands, but a Canadian ham popped up unexpectedly and put VP5 on the map. His plans were scrapped and he was really discouraged. This development was especially disappointing because he had already spent over \$100 in making telephone calls, applying for the VP5 license, and scouting hotels suitable for OSCAR operation.

I said, "Jim, don't worry. Let's see what other arrangements can be made." With that, the search began for other possible locations and included Johnston Island (KH3), Midway Island (KH4), and Kure Island (KH7). These were ruled out due to either the inaccessibility of the location or inability to obtain operating permits.

"I have an idea," I said, "what about using my frequent flyer miles on American Airlines to get us to a DXpedition location?" And with that, a new search was on!

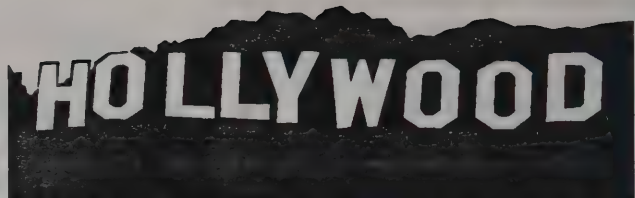
A new list of possible locations was researched. Jim checked with John Fail (KL7GRF/6), the AMSAT North America DX Coordinator, and asked him what Caribbean locations are in demand for worldwide OSCAR DX operation. From the list John provided, a new list of potential sites was prepared. This list was cross-referenced to the locations where American Airlines flies in the Caribbean, and the selected locations were Anguilla (VP2E) in the British West Indies and Tortola (VP2V) in the British Virgin Islands.

With the sites now selected, the next phase of planning began. The first criteria we agreed that was necessary for a successful OSCAR DXpedition was to find accommodations which offered an operating position with an unobstructed view of the horizon to the east, north, and west.

We decided to split the operation so that each of us could savor the total DXpedition experience individually and together. We agreed to also divide the planning and research phases. We both followed essentially the same procedure for conducting the research. I took Anguilla and Jim researched Tortola.

We both ordered information from the respective tourist bureaus and began the process of selecting the best accommodations for a DXpedition. We started by first selecting locations on the north shore with an unobstructed view to the east, north, and west. The primary concerns are hills and mountains and then vegetation. Lush, tropical vegetation can suck the life out of your signal, so avoid it.

Some prospective sites were identified and we started calling and sending FAXes. In Anguilla, I found a guest house on the beach on the west side of the island with an unobstructed view and a flat concrete roof and stairway access. On Tortola, Jim located a cabin on a high ridge on the north shore of the west end of the island that also had an unobstructed view. Jim prepaid the accommodations on Tortola and I did the same on Anguilla and also made the air reservations on American Airlines.



Hollywood Ham Off to Olympics

By Don (WB6LYI, Long Beach, CA)

Eric Levinson (N6ZSU), of the Hollywood Chapter of LARC, just received news that he will be on his way to Barcelona, Spain to help provide media coverage of the 1992 Summer Olympics.

He is scheduled to be the control room audio mixer for the triple-cast cablecast of the games. He will mix the audio feed of music, voice-over announcements, and live talent commentary that is provided to all of the media around the world from the International Broadcast Center in Barcelona. If you have cable service or watch NBC's coverage, you'll be listening to Eric's handiwork all during the Olympic Games. Watch for coverage of the Olympics from July 25 to August 9.

In the past, Eric did similar work for the 1988 Summer Olympics from Seoul, South Korea. He won two Emmy Awards for his excellent work on the broadcasts seen on NBC.

While in Barcelona, he is hoping to be able to find a way to operate on OSCAR-13 Mode B. He is working to get a reciprocal operating permit to operate while in Spain and is enlisting the aid of the Spanish Consulate in Los Angeles to speed the permit process as he leaves for Barcelona on July 4.

In addition, he hopes to file reports of his activities and stories about his experiences back to the NEWS. Look for his reports in upcoming issues of the NEWS.

Following the Olympic Games, Eric is planning to visit other destinations in Europe from August 10-23 and will be contacting LARC members in Europe for possible visits. Good luck, Eric!

I applied for an operating permit for VP2E and received the permit, subject to visual inspection of the original U.S. license on arrival in Anguilla. Jim already had a valid permit for VP2V. Through some correspondence, Jim received a copy of the newsletter published by the Anguilla Amateur Radio Society. It noted that there was a special callsign prefix available to use between January and May 30, 1992, which is Anguilla Day. The special prefix was VP2SE, to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the revolution and independence of Anguilla from St. Kitts-Nevis. I was authorized to use the special prefix, adding an extra dimension to the DXpedition in Anguilla.

With the schedule set, the next step was to tell the world we were going on a DXpedition. I assembled a list of 34 amateur radio publications from around the world from the database I maintain for the Lambda Amateur Radio Club. Since Jim is club president and I am club vice president, LARC became a sponsor by mailing the international DXpedition notices.

The next phase of planning was to assemble a portable OSCAR-13 DXpedition station. Our goal was to make the station compact, light, self-contained, and yet be as effective as possible.

The selected equipment was pulled from the pool owned by Jim and I and included a Yaesu FT-736R all mode 2 meter and 70cm transceiver, the satellite operator's rig of choice; RF Concepts 4-310 amplifier; Astron RS-12M power supply;

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Jaybeam 144/440 antenna; two Advanced Receiver Research SP144VDG 2 meter preamps; Daiwa NS-663B Power/SWR meter; two Heil BM-10 boomsets; plus associated cabling, adapters/connectors, and emergency repair supplies. In addition, I packed my Zenith Data Systems SupersPORT SX laptop computer with InstantTrack satellite tracking software installed.

Planning for contingencies occupied a significant amount of the planning time. If we arrived in a distant location without simple, on-the-spot repair capability, all of the planning in the world would not put us on the air again. We determined that it would be impossible to have a successful DXpedition without either the Yaesu FT-736R or a 2 meter preamp, so a second ARR 2 meter preamp was packed. It was determined that if the 736R became inoperable, my 736R could be shipped by overnight air from Los Angeles. With the repair kit's cable ties, tape (two kinds), soldering iron, tools, wire, adapters, connectors, and plastic trash bags to make sandbags ... it seemed as though everything had been thought of.

Now the trick was to pack everything in as small a space as possible to be hand-carried by two people. That is, packed and re-packed, again and again. Eventually, all of the equipment was condensed into two suitcases, two flight bags, and one five foot long tube.

Getting the Jaybeam antenna packed was a story in itself. Jim learned about the Jaybeam antenna from Reinhard "Hardy" Schulze (DC8TS), who used it in his DXpedition to Crete and Rhodes with excellent results. It sounded like just what was needed ... an antenna that had good performance, was lightweight, and could be assembled on-site quickly with few parts and minimal tools. The only problem is that the Jaybeam antenna is not available in the United States. Jim arranged to make a special purchase through Spectrum International, the U.S. distributor for Jaybeam, and the antenna was flown to the U.S. from Great Britain. The antenna was modified by cutting it in half and inserting a splice into the boom so that it could be reduced in size for carrying and shipping. A video camera tripod mount was attached to the boom splice. The antenna could be broken down into a four foot package by loosening and turning the antenna elements alongside the boom after removing the longest elements. The last foot inside the shipping tube contained spare connectors and the boom splice. Fed by two 30 foot lengths of Flexi 9913

coax and mounted on the video camera tripod, it seemed that all was ready.

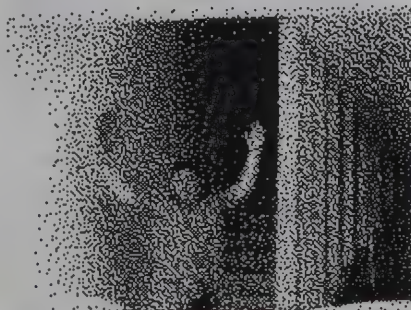
One nagging question remained: would the antenna perform well enough? With only 12 elements on 435 and 6 elements on 145 mounted on a common boom, was it enough? It had to be tested before the trip began. As luck would have it, I was to be in Philadelphia on a business trip only a week before departure. A test of the antenna was hastily arranged and conducted late on a cold and windy early March evening. A QSO with some of the "regulars," satellite DXers who can be found on the OSCAR-13 downlink on 145.890 just about anytime the satellite is in view, revealed that the Jaybeam was a real performer! Even without the preamp on, signals were clearly readable and our own downlink was satisfactory. Jim and I concluded that the antenna would probably not do well at either the start or end of each orbit due to losses as a result of the satellite's high offpointing angle. More on this later.

One last run of satellite visibility reports from InstantTrack using the most up to date Keplerian elements and we were ready.

Off to Anguilla, BWI

Finally, we were on our way! I departed Los Angeles and Jim left from Philadelphia, enroute to San Juan, Puerto Rico. We joined up in San Juan and flew together to Anguilla, British West Indies. After customs inspection we had a short taxi ride to Radio Anguilla to present my F.C.C. license to Mr. Menes Hodge, Telecommunications Officer for the Department of Information & Broadcasting, Government of Anguilla.

RADIO ANGUILLA



Once approved, we continued in the taxi to Syd-Ans Apartment Hotel in Sandy Ground and were met by our host, Omowale. He was very concerned that

the accommodation would suit our needs. It was an absolutely perfect arrangement. Initial fears about possible theft of the equipment turned out to be groundless ... we were located across the street from the local police station. We later learned that there is almost no theft among the island's 7,200 residents — there's nowhere to take anything and no one to buy it, especially high technology items like radio transceivers. We needed to unwind!



The complete OSCAR DXpedition station was contained in two suitcases, a backpack, and the 4 ft. long antenna tube.

Jim and I immediately got to work assembling the station. Assembly and set-up went well. However, a touch of the antenna boom revealed that the station was hot. Jim checked the local power and found that the 3-prong outlets were ungrounded. He made a wire ground, pushed it into the soft soil, and connected it to the radio. No more shocks for Jim.

The antenna had a clear view of the horizon from the roof above, except for a singular palm tree. Isn't it amazing that the only palm tree near us was exactly in line with the satellite? Murphy's Law at it's most refined. We hoped that it would not attenuate the bird's signal too much. We knew it would not be a factor after the first night because the satellite's elevation would be higher and beyond the reach of the palm tree.

Jim and I were on the island a day earlier than the published schedule. With a little luck, I could work a few stations early and avoid a pile-up. I was ready to go on the air in about an hour and a half. The noise level was checked — an amazingly low S2 with the preamp on! Things were shaping up very well! Nothing to do now but wait until the bird was ready. The schedule looked good at 0400 UTC (midnight locally) and a check was made of the strength of the downlink signal. With only 20 degrees of elevation, it was readable, but not strong. Wait just a little longer.

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I tuned around the band and heard FO0CI on Clipperton Island working split. This would be a good test of our signal. If Clipperton can hear us through the pile-up, then I should be readable too. After a few tries, FO0CI hears my call, and Clipperton is the first contact for the DXpedition. All the stations listening on FO0CI's frequency are now hunting for me, too! I tuned to 145.890, the unofficial DX information and calling frequency. The experienced DX stations are already calling VP2E/WB6LYI. I responded to OH5LK and then called KL7GRF/6, who had checked around the band and suggested an operating frequency that will keep me out of the way of the Clipperton pile-up. I moved to 145.893, called "QRZ from VP2E/WB6LYI," and the satellite roared to life!

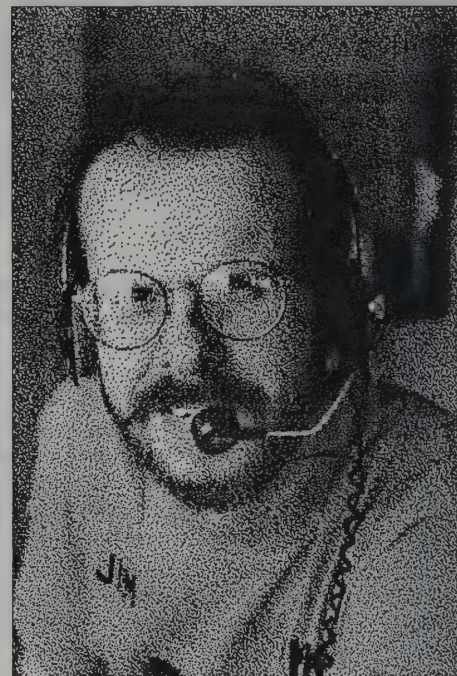
There were so many stations waiting to work me that it took a few moments for the din to die down. I started out by assuring everyone listening I will stay up all night to work them and announced the working procedure. I began to work stations by the number in their call, starting with 1's, then 2's, and so on. It worked very well once everyone followed directions. I ground them out for over five hours. Elated and exhausted, I fell into bed as it dawned another beautiful day in Anguilla.

After some rest, Jim and I started looking around Sandy Ground. The small bay is beautiful and the water

unbelievably clear. Jim, who is also an experienced certified scuba diver, visited the local dive shop and signed up for some diving. Along the beach, a number of restaurants line the bay. We stopped in at the Barrel Stay Beach Bar and Restaurant. While they specialize in live lobster and other seafood, everything on the menu looked terrific. We especially recommend the fish soup ... it's not to be missed! Just relaxing and watching the sunset during dinner made for a great evening. We decided island living agreed with us as we walked back to the "shack" for another night of OSCAR DXing.

And so it went for three more days in Anguilla. Jim and I met Dave (VP2EHF) and Dorothea (VP2EE) Mann and their friend Larry Stott (VP2EL). They are the only active hams out of the island's ham population of nineteen. Dave is President of the Anguilla Amateur Radio Society and is working to create a club station for the islands' Scouts, VP2EQ. A building has been secured and renovated by AARS and local businesses, and antennas are in place, but there still remains the need for some HF station equipment and to get the electrical service turned on by the local utility. Things are sometimes not so simple as you would think. Everyone seems confident that everything will work out fine in the next few months.

Dave and Larry stopped in while I was operating to see and hear an OSCAR operation. I had purchased an adapter for the phone jack so that the operator and



Jim (KK3K) operating OSCAR-13 Mode B on Tortola, BVI.

another person could hear every QSO. This turned out to be very helpful as four ears hear better after a number of hours than just two. Originally, we planned to record a portion of each DXpedition to bring back to share with friends and our radio club, but the equipment we planned to use induced hum and distortion into the headphones and had to be removed.

Dave and Larry were surprised by how much could be accomplished with minimum equipment. It turns out that Dave already possesses nearly all of the needed equipment to put VP2E on OSCAR for everyone all the time. Jim and I promised to see what we could do to help. Dave and Dorothea invited us to a farewell dinner at their home the night before our departure. It was a great visit and we discussed their plans to help the young people on the island learn more about high technology subjects, including amateur radio. Dave showed us his ham shack apartment under construction. When finished in the coming months, it will house two operators in their own apartment with bath, kitchen, and full complement of equipment. He plans to rent it to hams wanting to do their own DXpedition for something around \$75 per day. Take it from us, this is a steal!

On to Tortola, BVI

Wrapping up the Anguilla portion of the trip showed 432 log entries for See OSCAR DXPEDITION on page 7



Don (WB6LYI) and Jim (KK3K) on Anguilla.

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VP2SE/WB6LYI. A quick taxi ride to Wallblake Airport and we were off to St. Thomas by air and then on to Tortola by ferry. We were met at West End by our hostess, Ms. Ellie Foot of the Turtle Dove Lodge at Long Bay Hill. Situated high on a ridge overlooking Apple Bay and the Caribbean Sea, the cabin proved an ideal site for operating OSCAR-13 with an unobstructed view to the east, north, and west. There was even a concrete platform in front of the cabin to place the antenna upon. The operating position commanded a view of the bay and sea beyond. The power feed was grounded and more than adequate to handle the load. We set up the station and were ready to go a couple of hours before AOS on Friday evening, March 15th. The operator in Tortola was Jim (KK3K) and I was "riding shotgun" with the spare headphones like Jim did for me on Anguilla.

I think Jim was jealous that my first contact was Clipperton Island, so he determined to do the same thing. Jim worked FOOCI, who was again running a split frequency operation, and then everyone knew Jim was on the bird. As had happened in Anguilla, when Jim tuned to 145.890, the sharks were already circling. "What a feeling of power!" Jim said. He attempted to work the pile-up by callsign numbers, but there were so many stations on frequency that it proved impossible. He made the decision to operate using split frequencies, transmitting on 145.890 and listening between 145.890 and 145.897. Split operation on OSCAR 13's mode B transponder is accomplished by listening on the DX station's transmitting frequency (145.890) and moving only our transmitter up to be heard down, or moving your transmitter down to be heard up. The DX operator will announce which direction you need to go to be

heard. While this was confusing at first, it proved to be effective and Jim was able to work through the pile-up even in spite of the high noise level. He logged an incredible 300 contacts during his first shift of operation from Tortola.

Since we only had evening windows for operation, we were able to get in some other activities like swimming, snorkeling, and scuba diving. The beach was easily accessible, just a five minute walk down the steep, winding road. Jim enjoyed daily snorkeling in the crystal clear waters. The water was teeming with life ranging from schools of millions of small one inch fish through large 50 lb game fish. We enjoyed watching pelicans feast on this banquet of seafood. Jim also made arrangements with the local scuba dive operator to spend a half day scuba diving. He shopped for provisions in the small nearby village and bought locally grown produce from a roadside stand where we even received instructions on how to prepare some of the strange looking vegetables. Jim decided to concoct a Caribbean stew, a spicy dish which we thoroughly enjoyed. We also enjoyed West Indian cuisine with the locals at a colorful nearby restaurant called "The Apple." It featured live West Indian music, great food and potent rum punch. We enjoyed the lovely view from the front porch of our cabin, including some very beautiful sunrises and sunsets over the ocean. The weather was spectacular with only a few short spring showers on a couple of days.

The balance of the Tortola operation went well, with Jim logging an additional 184 contacts, for a total of 484 contacts. We were delighted that three members of the Lambda Amateur Radio Club, who have been working to set up their satellite stations, came on frequency and worked both Jim and I for new DX countries.

Late Sunday night, 0000 UTC, we decided to close the operation of our joint DXpedition and headed off for a deserved celebration with a West Indian farewell dinner.

DXpedition Observations OSCAR DXing Rule #1

Listen, Listen, and Listen some more! Don't jump into a pile-up before you've listened and know the DX station's callsign and operating method. Also, do not flip on the rig and sit there, as one operator did, saying "h-h-e-e-l-l-o-o-o" over and over while he tuned up for several minutes. This lid violated both rule #1 and #2 at the same time. It makes

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limits. However, the decline of cycle 22 is also partly to blame for the drop-off in the quality of HF propagation. According to a report in the 10-X bulletin, cycle 22 has not been quite as good as several of the best cycles but it has provided a fairly high level of HF propagation up until this year. However, we can now expect a more rapid deterioration in conditions as the cycle begins a steep decline. It is expected to bottom out in 1996.

Since 20 meters can be expected to support LARC national skeds even as the cycle declines, check-ins may elect to remain on 20 meters rather than QSYing to 15 or 10 meters, especially if the bands are known not to be open. The LARC transatlantic net, which has been meeting on 10 and 15 meters, will most probably have to be moved to a 20 meter frequency at a time most likely to afford the best opportunities for contacts and QSOs. LARC members in the UK will have to evaluate the situation and suggest appropriate changes to the transatlantic schedule.

Welcome New Members



Welcome aboard to: Jack Mann (WB8OJW) who lives in San Francisco; Cindy Dean from Greenville, OH; Steve Goldfarb (N3IXT) from Wallingford, PA.; Janet Munday (KD6FFG) from Irvine, CA.; Tom Williams (NØGQD) of Dallas, TX.; and Larry Dean (KC6NVL) of Los Angeles, CA.

you very unpopular among the DXers and rag-chewers on the bird.

OSCAR DXing Rule #2

"Find yourself" off frequency first. When operating via OSCAR-13 mode B, operators must transmit (uplink) on 70cm and listen for downlink signals, including their own, on 2 meters. Operators must "find themselves" or be able to hear their

OSCAR DXpedition to VP2E & VP2V

own signal on the downlink frequency. The proper way to do this is to select an unused downlink frequency and compute the appropriate uplink frequency to use to yield the selected downlink frequency. On Oscar-13 mode B, this is accomplished by subtracting the desired downlink frequency from the sum frequency of 581.398 MHz. For example, if you'd like to operate on 145.965 MHz, the uplink frequency would be 435.433 mhz (581.398 - 145.965). This formula works for the entire mode B passband. Other modes have different formulas. Remember that OSCAR-13's mode B transponder is an inverting transponder, accepted convention is to transmit on LSB which yields an USB downlink. Also, moving DOWN in transmit frequency moves the receive frequency UP by roughly the same amount, plus or minus the doppler shift frequency, and vice-versa. So, to find yourself before operating, set the transmit/receive frequencies to a clear frequency up near the band edge, say 435.433/145.965. While transmitting, carefully move your RECEIVER ONLY up or down a kilocycle or so until you hear your receive (downlink) signal. When you hear it clearly, you can move to another frequency by moving the transmitter and receiver equally. When in QSO, slightly adjust the transmitter to keep your receive signal on frequency. This slight adjustment is necessary because of the constant change in the doppler shift.

When this procedure is not being followed and the operator is trying to find his signal by arbitrarily varying the transmitter frequency across the passband, you'll hear a loud "swishing" of the signal across the band. It makes listening to weak stations impossible, especially during a DXpedition, when conditions and equipment are not optimal.

We observed that elevation is more important than the offpointing angle when operating under less than ideal conditions. We expected that the quality of the signals would be influenced more by the offpointing angle of the satellite than by the degree of elevation of the satellite. It turned out that elevation did more to improve signals than anything else.

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Upcoming in the NEWS

In upcoming issues of the Lambda Net News will be a current membership roster, a new copy of the Operating Awards Program application and logsheet, and all the latest news around the net.

In the meantime, let us hear from you! Drop us a note about the kinds of stories and subjects you'd like to see covered in the NEWS to Don Bledsoe (WB6LYT), P.O. Box 91299, Long Beach, CA 90809.

Final Notes

Final tallies for the DXpedition were 387 net contacts for Don as VP25E/WB6LYT and 457 net contacts for Jim as VP2V/KK3K.

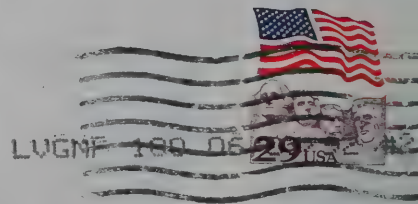
On both Anguilla and Tortola we were fortunate to be working with genuinely helpful and interested people.

In Anguilla, Ms. Anne Edwards, president of Inns of Anguilla, understands that hams are unique people with unique needs and can arrange for exacting accommodations. Call her at 809-497-3180 for assistance in arranging lodging or write: Anne Edwards, Inns of Anguilla, General Delivery, The Valley, Anguilla. You'll find her very helpful.

In Tortola, Ms. Ellie Foot of the Turtle Dove Lodge at Apple Bay has hams visit regularly and is prepared for you. Write to Ms. Ellie Foot, c/o Rush-It Inc., P.O. Box 11156, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

We would like to say a special thank you to the Lambda Amateur Radio Club and the OSCAR-13 DX Fund. They would also like to thank the following individual hams for their support: Reinhard "Hardy" Schulze, DC8TS; John Fail, KL7GRF/6; Dennis Ponsness, WB0WAO; Geoff Jones, GW7BGA and Dave & Dorothea Mann, VP2EHF & VP2EE for their hospitality.

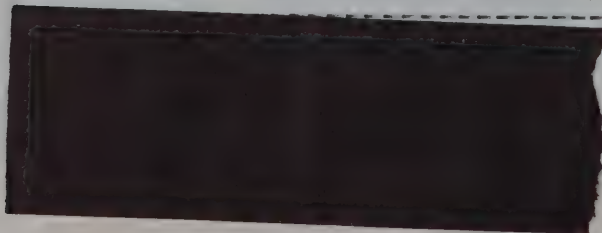
This was a wonderful, once - in - a - lifetime experience for both of us that we're going to work very hard to change into a first-in-a-lifetime experience. It's easy to go on a DXpedition ... all you need is some planning and enthusiasm. Join us!



KK3K

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Lambda Net Schedules

EUROPEAN SCHEDULE

| | | | | | |
|-----|--------|----------|----------|--|-----------|
| SSB | Sunday | 1300 UTC | All Year | | 7.050 MHz |
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TRANS-ATLANTIC SCHEDULE

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|-----|--------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| SSB | Sunday | 1500 UTC | All Year | NOVICES! | 28.425 MHz |
| SSB | Sunday | 1515 UTC | All Year | | 21.425 MHz |
| CW | Sunday | 1815 UTC | All Year | NOVICES! | 21.145 MHz |

NATIONAL SCHEDULES

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|-----|--------|----------|----------|-----------|------------|
| SSB | Sunday | 1900 UTC | All Year | | 14.325 MHz |
| SSB | Sunday | 1930 UTC | All Year | | 21.425 MHz |
| SSB | Sunday | 2000 UTC | All Year | NOVICES! | 28.425 MHz |
| | | | | Alternate | 29.185 MHz |

EASTERN SCHEDULES

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|------|----------|---|------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| RTTY | Tuesday | 8:00 pm | Local Time | <i>BY Arrangement</i> | 3.630 MHz |
| SSB | Thursday | 6:30 pm | Local Time | | 3.860 MHz |
| | | 6:40 pm | Local Time | | 7.235 MHz |
| | | (The sked will meet where conditions are best.) | | | |
| CW | Sunday | 11:00 am | Local Time | NOVICES! | 7.140 MHz |
| SSB | Sunday | 9:45 pm | Local Time | | 3.860 MHz |

WESTERN SCHEDULES

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|-----|--------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|-----------|
| CW | Monday | 5:30 pm | Local Time | | 7.094 MHz |
| SSB | Sunday | ~~2:00 pm~~ <i>20:30Z</i> | ~~Local Time~~ <i>ALL YEAR</i> | | 7.280 MHz |

OSCAR-13 MODE B SCHEDULE

Use the satellite calling frequency of 145.890 to see if any members are around.

(All schedules are + or - QRM)

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Net Newsbits

By Jim (KK3K) Philadelphia, PA)

Media Coverage of LARC v. ARRL Mostly Neutral

Coverage of the LARC/ARRL controversy has been mostly neutral with the exception of the Westlink Report. Gay and lesbian press coverage has included: Outlines(Chicago); Au Courant(Philadelphia); and a short note in The Advocate(national). Coverage by the ham radio media has included the W5YI Report; the Oscar Satellite Report; the International Amateur Radio Net broadcast; and the Westlink Report. For some reason, 73 Amateur Radio Magazine chose not to cover the issue. However, Wayne Green (W2NSD/1) included somewhat supportive but somewhat confused comments under the caption "Homosexual Hams" in his June, 1992 Never Say Die editorial. In addition, computer net coverage has included Compuserve, Fidonet, and other electronic networks.

The publisher of the Westlink Report, Burt Hicks (WB6MQV) ran coverage of the dispute followed by a virulently homophobic editorial accusing LARC of spreading "hate and discontent" and admonishing us to "invest a few minutes with the Scriptures". Also on the down side was a bogus packet message loaded into the system addressed to "All @ USA" which advertised a non-existent LARC both in Dayton. An attempt by KK3K to distribute correct information in the form of LARC's press release via packet was deleted by unknown sysops.

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Update: LARC v. ARRL

At Dayton LARC President Jim (KK3K) gave a report to the membership on the current status of the LARC/ARRL controversy at the LARC annual business meeting held in conjunction with the Dayton Hamvention. Jim explained that LARC's discrimination claim was filed on Wednesday, March 25, 1992 and a copy of the claim was sent the same day to the ARRL via Federal Express. Eight days later, Jim received a telephone call from QST publisher Dave Sumner. Sumner told Jim that "the Executive Committee of the League met last weekend and voted to return the decision relative to LARC's ad back to staff. LARC's ad, as submitted last October, is acceptable." Jim said that he advised Sumner that he would

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The AMTOR Saga

By Stuart Hill

(GØBEV, Newcastle upon Tyne, Great Britain)

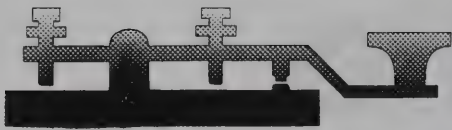
One of the nice things about being associated with LARC is that it gives you an excuse to try things you might not ordinarily contemplate. For most of us, the possibility of regular communication with far away places has a certain allure, and I must admit, the possibility of building up links with gay friends in the US and other places had a certain attraction when I joined up. But how to keep in touch? That was the question. At that time, LARC was just starting to expand farther afield, and skeds were coming along in a rather ad hoc way which sometimes connected and sometimes didn't. Most of you will know the frustration — struggle to make time and place, nearest and dearest complaining, and the ionosphere just doesn't play along.

So enter time shift, mailboxes and packet radio, in vogue with everyone getting in on the act. Links to my own local box were tenuous enough at that time, so I often wondered when I sent hopeful messages out into the ether, whether they would ever arrive, or simply raise the entropy of the Universe just a little more. Well sometimes they did, more often they didn't, and I felt a little frustrated. So if VHF couldn't, then perhaps HF would, the reasoning went, and if I were to give a helping hand by flinging the message a little farther afield on its first shaky steps, so much the better.

After a little work, a TNC2 clone was assembled and HF packet put to show its paces. First attempts weren't at all promising, and after watching a monitor screen displaying retries ad nauseam, it was clear that something had to be done. At this point, my colleague James, G4ILW, came forward with the suggestion — why not try AMTOR? He had assembled a system some time earlier which was working well, and communication was a matter of routine. Actually, I'd considered and rejected AMTOR already — it seemed unnecessarily complicated and slow, outmoded in a way and after all, wasn't packet the coming thing? Besides, there was the rather technical point that a transceiver with a fairly brisk switch over time is a sine qua non, and on that point I had real doubts about my old FT107.

But, being easily led, I thought why not have a go to see what I can do. With every project, there are always at least two ways to go about it. You can take the easy way and buy a black box, plug it in, and hope that somebody else has done all the work for you. Usually, you find they have and all is well.

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President's Key

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)
President, LARC

The recent riot in Los Angeles was tragic, and the protests and sporadic incidents of violence in other cities across our country indicate that the underlying problems which fueled the riot are widespread. While the violence in L.A. was triggered by the Rodney King verdict, the ensuing riot quickly became a vehicle for venting years of pent-up frustration born of the massive disparities in wealth, quality of life and opportunity between the impoverished residents of central Los Angeles and mainstream America. What led to the riot? The answer is threefold.

First, our economic system is not perceived as being open and competitive; people really do not believe that they have a chance to make it in America.

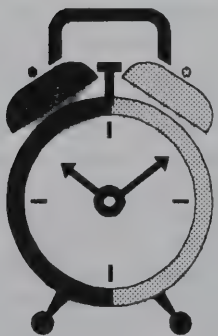
Second, people do not really have choices relative any avenues for advancement open to them.

Third, our poor have little or nothing to loose; they do not have even a small stake in the system. Twelve thousand people were arrested in Los Angeles for rioting or looting. Among them was a woman who said that for the first time she was finally able to put shoes on the feet of all six of her children! Rage over all of this was once again directed onto the streets.

All of this notwithstanding, our capitalist economy, aided by twelve years of Reagan-Bush, has rewarded the rich by showering more and more wealth upon them. Economic looting on a grand scale was carried out by the Boeskeys and the Milken and the Keatings. Economic violence was perpetrated upon all of us in the form of the savings and loan scandal. Capitalist greed has fueled all of this economic violence and looting. Meanwhile, the economic welfare capitalist "band-aids" installed after the last round of riots in the ghettos 25 years ago were slashed by the cowboy president.

I believe that we will see another round of band-aids, and pressure toward more "welfare capitalism." But I hope that this will increasingly be seen for what it is: an imperfect "band-aid" approach doomed to fail, due to the social, political and economic ills that are imbedded in any form of capitalism. We must come to grips with reality; capitalism is by its very nature exploitative. We need wholesale economic reform of the system. After the riots in Los Angeles, Phil Donahue interviewed a panel of black leaders and asked for suggestions for long term solutions to the difficult problems that led to the riot. While some of the panel participants advocated an influx of capital to rebuild and provide jobs, one perceptive young black man exclaimed "these people have long been the victims of capitalist oppression; throwing more capitalism at them is not the answer. They must have control of their own economic destiny." The other members of the panel agreed.

If the problems of our inner cities, our underclasses, our drug addicted and others continue to receive the band aid treatment or even less attention, repeats of the LA riots could well occur with increasing frequency. Some political theorists have predicted the replacement of capitalism in our country with socialism as a result of political, rather than economic pressures. Riots generate much political pressure, to be sure. Perhaps this prediction is closer to fruition than we might think. I certainly hope so. de KK3K



LARC Chapter Directory Needs Current Information About Your Chapter

While some of the local LARC chapters are listed on page 3, there are a number of informal groups that meet throughout the year that new members might want to contact, but, alas, they are not listed. Whoever was the leader in arranging for your last informal gathering, put together the information and send to LNN as soon as possible.

LARC & ARRL News Watch

Be on the watch for any news about the ARRL and LARC proceedings. If you see, read, or hear about any news in the press, please send a copy to Jim (KK3K) at the club post office box as soon as possible or call the LARC Hotline at (215) 978-LARC.

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Membership rosters are published several times each year and will be inserted into an issue of the LAMBDA NET NEWS. This summarized roster lists basic member information.

If you'd like to receive a highly detailed, in-depth listing of each member, just send a 9" x 12" self-addressed envelope with \$1.90 postage affixed and a custom printed roster will be on its way to you. This way, you can have an updated roster as often as you'd like and LARC will not be sending rosters to anyone who doesn't want one.

Mail your request TODAY to:

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LARC Chapter Directory

City of Brotherly Love (COBL) Chapter

Contact: Jim Kelly (KK3K)
P.O. Box 24810
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Serves Phila. metro area including S. Jersey, N. Delaware, and Maryland. Meetings every 6-8 weeks. No dues.

Note: Chapter presently inactive.

Finger Lakes Chapter

Contact: Irv (AF2K)
515 Drumm Rd.
Webster, NY 14580
(716) 671-4430

or contact:

Dave (KE2GE)
80 Campfire Rd. N.
Henrietta, NY 14467
(716) 359-3337

Serves western and central NY state. Meetings 3rd Friday each month for dinner/meeting. Dues are \$5 per year.

Golden Gate Chapter

Contact: Kit Brown, President
P.O. Box 14073
San Francisco, CA 94114
(415) 863-1196

Serves San Francisco Bay area. Meetings monthly on 2nd Thursday at 8 PM. Dues are \$15 per year. Note: Additional social events are frequently scheduled.

Hollywood Chapter

Contact: Rick Fearn (K6VE), President
P.O. Box 65643
Los Angeles, CA 90065
(213) 256-6556

Serves southern California. Meetings are monthly on weekends on announced schedule. Dues. Note: Field trips and outings are often scheduled.

New LNN Service Inaugurated

Over the years, we've had many requests for a personals section, but no one ever submitted a notice. Times have changed and it's here now! Send your ad today to the newsletter address on page 2.

Personals

I would like to share my home and expense with a compatible ham.

LeRoy D. Lawhorn, W4VTW
Lambda #1095
213 McDonald Street
Greenville, SC 29609-5630
(803) 233-3527

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Straight Hams Support LARC



LARC has received letters from two straight hams expressing support. Ken Kuzenski (KD4EIP/AE) wrote in to tell us that he wrote to the ARRL for clarification. He wrote: "I wanted to let you know that not all hams out here in middle America are mean rednecks". Raymond Voss (N0PQM) also wrote the ARRL and sent a copy of his excellent letter to LARC HQ.

Election Of LARC Officers Slated For Late 1992

LARC President Jim (KK3K) announced in Dayton that nominations for LARC President, Vice President and Secretary will be solicited during the summer and elections will be held in the fall. LARC Officers serve for a term of two years. Jim encouraged all LARC members to consider serving as an Officer of the Club.

W9BVD Receives Special Recognition In Dayton



Howard (W9BVD) was the recipient of a special award in recognition of his volunteer efforts over the years as LARC Dayton Housing Coordinator, and his support of LARC over the years. Howard is a regular check-in to the LARC HF nets. LARC President Jim (KK3K) presented a plaque to Howard on behalf of the membership at the LARC Awards Banquet in Dayton.

AF2K, N2IKR, WD4IJV Receive LARC Operating Awards



LARC Operating Awards Coordinator Tom (KI4ZN) presented the 1992 LARC "Top Op" award to Irv (AF2K) at the LARC awards banquet in Dayton. Irv earned the award by receiving the most operating endorsements during the year. Tom also awarded "Operating Achiever" trophies to Doc (N2IKR) and Philip (WD4IJV).

W6RFN Silent Key

LARC National and Golden Gate Chapter member Ken Davis (W6RFN) has become a silent key, according to the GGC newsletter. No further details were provided in the newsletter.

Dayton Group Photo Enlargements Available

An 8 X 10 color enlargement of the LARC group photo from this year's Dayton Hamvention is available from LARC Headquarters. The cost is \$10.00 which includes postage and mailing. Send a check or money order made out to "LARC" with your order to the club POB. Be sure to include your name and correct mailing address.

LARC Membership Cards Distributed



1992 paid-up LARC members should have received their LARC membership cards either in Dayton or with this issue of the Lambda Net News. Please let headquarters know if we missed you! Thanks to Irv (AF2K) for donating the cards and printing.

Chapter News

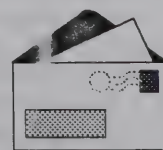
Members of the Hollywood Chapter joined members of the Golden Gate Chapter in providing radio communications for the 100 mile AIDS Bike-a-Thon that was held on May 9.

The Gateway Chapter (St. Louis) has scheduled regular meetings the first Thursday of the month at 11PM at the Gateway Saloon in St. Louis.

The City of Brotherly Love Chapter (Philadelphia) will be meeting in early June. The Chapter has been inactive, however several newer members have decided to reactivate it.

The Finger Lakes Chapter was scheduled to meet over lunch at the Rochester Hamfest on May 17.

Member Correspondence



Congratulations to new member Mike Levine who has recently been issued call sign N2QBN!

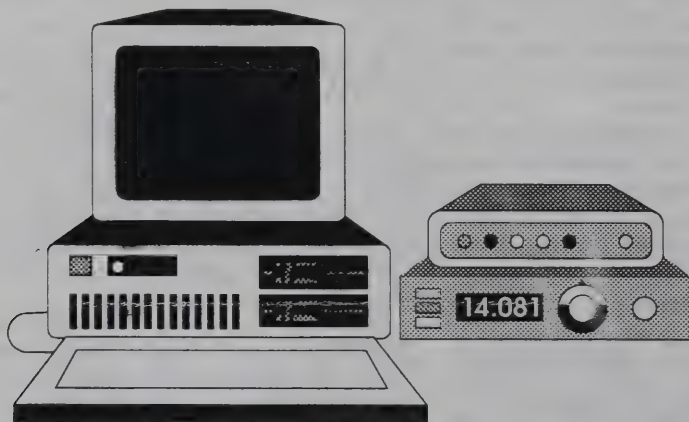
Steve (KD6ZZ) wrote a sharp rebuttal to Westlink Report publisher WB6MQV telling him that his

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However, that approach over here is also the expensive way — a PK232 for instance costs around \$ 550, not a small sum, and the next cheaper, AMTOR black box option is up to more than half of that. As an experimental scientist, the DIY approach seemed the better way to go, so there was nothing for it but to press on. Here James came to the rescue again, reminding me of the Z-AMTOR project in the ARRL Handbook. I'd already looked at this somewhat formidable article, but on closer examination, it really wasn't so daunting as at first sight. Moreover, James had an EPROM with the necessary driver software. To save time and certain error, the commercially available board was ordered up — this proved well worth it, with hindsight.

Assembly itself was straightforward, and I had the whole board populated in a couple of evenings. So it was with some eager anticipation that the power supply was connected and energised. As every home constructor will have experienced at some time, the result was a heart shrinking nothing at all. No lights, no response to terminal, nothing... So check, double check, triple check, nothing. Scopes & logic probes, multimeters and all the rest showed nothing but DC and clocks. Chip replacements in vain, the project ran into the ground. Where next but to consult the original article. Here a few helpful suggestions, all tried, but to no avail. Desperate letter was written to the author Paul (AD7I) explaining plight, and whilst expecting remote help to be less than total, I was pleasantly surprised with a new EPROM, hex file of compiled code and source listing to boot. (Many thanks, Paul — it wouldn't have got any further without that bit of help.) Comparison quickly showed that James's EPROM had a few incorrect bytes, so the mystery seemed solved. Alas it was not to be. Power up gave a fitful flickering LED and nothing — all for naught!



At this point, there was nothing to be done but check again, in the hope that something might be found, but nothing was. I gave the board to a work colleague with no vested interest, and asked him to check it with the circuit diagram, but he reported all seemed OK. Now this is the real crunch point for any project — what do you do? In my case, the problem was bypassed by having other, more important, things to do, after all, life never stands still. So it was all put away in a cupboard to gather dust. Months later, having run out of the other things, I remembered the board's existence, and determined to make or break the project. All the digital circuitry was stripped from the board, no mean task itself I may say, and defects sought on what remained. In fact nothing was found, so back together it went, now ever so slightly the worse for wear! The power supply was

LARC's Mega-DXpedition

After hearing about the DXpedition conducted to the British Virgin Islands and British West Indies earlier this year by Don (WB6LYI) and Jim (KK3K) at the Dayton Hamvention, a number of LARC members there expressed interest in conducting another DXpedition early in 1993. If it all comes together, it will also be a first in amateur radio for LARC ... multiple OSCAR DXpeditions to four locations simultaneously. The four most likely sites currently are St. Martin (FJ,FS), St. Lucia (J6), St. Vincent (J8), and St. Maarten (PJ5-8).

It is expected that 2-person or 4-person teams will step-off from San Juan, Puerto Rico at the same time for all of these Caribbean islands. None of them have ever been heard on OSCAR-13 Mode B before. This would make this multiple DXpedition a truly newsworthy event in amateur radio.

Don and Jim will be assisting in helping the teams assemble their portable OSCAR stations, along with tips and hints to help make the experience a success. Reading about the DXpedition experience comes nowhere near the real thing. Join us!

If you are interested in participating, either as an operator or coming along to get a tan and provide "moral support," contact Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI), P.O. Box 91299, Long Beach, CA 90809.

reconnected, and behold, all the right lights came on, blinking to say there was indeed life after all. Well now, I'm not one to question miracles when they happen, so rather than have an inquest, all was tidied and put in the case I'd prepared so long before. Connecting a terminal moreover, showed that it would even talk to me, albeit with a limited command of words, though supplicants can't be choosers.

A modem came together quite easily with the aid of an AM7910 chip (which I recommend highly, incidentally), and it all took shape in the manner conceived. The great moment soon arrived when the connection was made to the FT107, and an AMTOR station located. Nothing at first, until it was realised that the AM7910 is just a little deaf, and needed an aid in the form of about 20dB of audio amplification. With AMTOR in LISTEN (L) mode, signals indeed came pouring in from the ether, but still nothing worked when I tried to take a more active part. Called stations responded eagerly, but my system stonily refused to acknowledge their overtures, and stood by aloof. What could it be now I wondered? With James to the aid, it was clear that the system was calling correctly, but seemed not to respond to acknowledgement, even though other modes (B — broadcast & L — listen) worked fine. Could the fault be with the FT107, and could all yet fall at the final post?

Out with the scopes again, and a careful look to see what was actually happening. Indeed the FT107 was a bit of a sluggard — receive to transmit wasn't too bad at about 25 ms, but recovery from transmit took an age at 55 ms, and was quite unacceptable for AMTOR. For those who aren't familiar with AMTOR, the critical point is that this is a timed cycle with only limited periods available to allow for propagation and transmitter switchover in acknowledgement of signals. Too slow, and the other party has sent a signal before one's own system has become aware of it. In fact, there are many documented modifications to all kinds of popular amateur equipment to achieve enough speed for AMTOR, though most modern gear is

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AMTOR Saga

usually quite fast enough, particularly if you have full QSK. So, laboriously the mods for the '107 were sought and found. In fact, there was only one published set, and examination showed that it must be in error when compared with the full schematics. However, I could see what it was trying to do, so after more head scratching, I devised a set of changes of my own to speed things up, and for the first time in this project, found success first time. The receive to transmit time came down to 14 ms and back was only 27 ms. — surely enough to get by. Alas, vital success remained tantalisingly elusive, for still the system refused to respond.

Now at this point, I expect many would either write experience off as something to forget, or reach for their cheque books and take the easy road out. I was sorely tempted, but thus far and seemingly within an ace of the finish, I could not let it pass. What else could there be, I wondered. The only link left was the signal path from my FT107, and there I was using a rather antique audio amplifier conceived for other sundry purposes. Closer examination showed that this was far from perfect in terms of distortion and bandwidth, so a replacement was clearly needed. As I had some switched capacitor filter chips from another project, a further unit

incorporating these and a wide band audio amplifier matched to the modem was dutifully assembled. This was an interesting project in its own right, and in passing, I would commend to anyone who feels the need for efficient audio filtering to take a good look at a switched capacitor unit — maybe more on that in another article.

After connecting everything together, first mode L was tried, and indeed stations were still there — so far so good. I located the AMTOR mailbox GB7PLX which I had heard so often, and put out a call. Back it came, and wonder to behold, a brand new combination of lights appeared on the panel — the deaf had been cured and could at last answer back. I was in business! The rest was downhill anticlimax, I have to say. Everything simply worked, and after some fine tuning, the messages were rolling up the screen as if there had never been a problem. The opportunity was taken to tidy up my terminal software as well, so as to integrate my packet TNCs' requirements along with AMTOR, and the job was done.

So at the end of the day, only about a year late, what can be said by way of encouragement to others. First, don't be put off by setbacks — I have to say that, but it's true, otherwise you'll never succeed. Our UK Amateur Licence has a

statement about it all being in the cause of "self training", more often observed in the breach, I should say, but it's a fine sentiment for all that. I wouldn't dare cost my time on a project like this, but the element of learning has been what has carried it on all the time. Consider what has been gained — not only do I now have a much better idea how AMTOR works, but the innards of Z80s and their support chips, modems, switched capacitor filters have all lost some of their mystery, and mastery of machine code as well as Pascal programming has all been brushed up. I know the inside of my "black box" much more intimately, and we are much better friends that was ever likely before. So to any of you out there, who might be thinking of a DIY project, put aside your doubts, I say and have a go. If things go wrong, as they very assuredly will, at some point, I would say, to make a virtue of necessity and use your setback to learn more about what goes on. In the end, you will understand much better what you are about, and will get more out of your activity than you might have believed possible before you started. Don't be faint hearted, take the plunge!

PS: Anyone who would like to reach me via AMTOR should send messages thus " AT GB7PLX.#48.GBR.EU " [Good luck]

Update: LARC v ARRL

discuss this development with LARC's attorney. Jim then relayed what happened next: "LARC's attorney, Suzanne Goldberg has been in contact with Dave Sumner of the ARRL. They have discussed the situation on at least two occasions. Suzanne has requested written assurance that the ARRL will not discriminate against LARC in the future. Suzanne has stated that such assurance is necessary prior to our withdrawing our claim. LARC Vice-President Don (WB6LYI) suggested and Jim (KK3K) agreed that this could best be accomplished if the ARRL would publish a non-discriminatory statement including sexual orientation in QST magazine. Suzanne has also suggested to Dave Sumner some ways in which the ARRL could show good faith and at the same time help repair the damage done to LARC by six years of discrimination. Ideas discussed included expanded

coverage of LARC in QST such as coverage in the Up Front or Club Spectrum sections, or block ads, free ads, etc. This is our negotiating position; these are not demands set in concrete. Dave Sumner then stated that Suzanne and ARRL counsel Chris Imlay need to discuss these matters. As of today (April 22), Suzanne and Imlay have not yet spoken. This is where things stand at the moment." Jim emphasized the following important points in his presentation to the membership: "First, the ARRL's refusal to run our ad for the past six years is a symptom of a problem; it is not, in an of itself, the problem. The real problem is discrimination on the part of the ARRL. That's why we cannot drop our claim simply because the ARRL will now run our ad. The ARRL Executive Committee voted only to allow ARRL staff to make the decision on our ad. There is nothing in this vote that says that other forms of

discrimination against us or others will not take place, or that the Executive Committee of the ARRL will not change their mind at some future date and pull our ad once again. This is why our attorney is asking for assurance from the ARRL that there will be no discrimination in the future. Second, LARC's claim is still pending before the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities in Connecticut. We are beginning to see press coverage of our claim. The League is now responding to this coverage by stating that the claim is moot because they have agreed to run our ad. However, we will be reiterating to all that our claim is still pending, it has not been withdrawn, pending assurance from the ARRL that there will be no further discrimination against us." At press time, there are no further developments to report.

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bigoted comments are "WAY OUT OF LINE"! Way to go, Steve!

Anyone wishing a copy of Larry's (WB9LOZ) entire series on packet radio can obtain same by sending a check for \$5.00 to: Packet Book, Northern California Packet Association, P.O. Box 61716, Sunnyvale, CA 94088-1761.

John (K3RGB) wrote in to say how much he enjoyed the Dayton Hamvention. He thanked those LARC members who worked to insure that everyone from LARC had a nice time in Dayton. John sent in a contribution to LARC and he also mailed a nice contribution to the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund as a way of saying "Thank You"! Thank you, John!

Stuart (GØBEV) was set to travel to Paris for a few days in early May. After his return, he is scheduled for a medical procedure. Best wishes for a speedy recuperation, Stuart!

Tom (KI4ZN) has placed a LARC ad in The Weekly News, his local gay and lesbian publication. Tom would like the ad to be productive so that LARC members can start a Florida Chapter. Dick (K3AKK) and Joe travelled to Lake Erie after Dayton. Dick grew up in the area along the Lake. They visited the old family summer cottage on the Lake that has been rebuilt in the old original Victorian style by the owners.

Andrew (G6HEL), a LARC UK member and student has July, August and September free. He would like to work in the

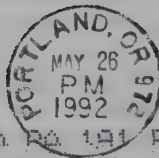
States during this time but he needs someone to sponsor him so that he can obtain a work permit. He has experience in business computing, electronics and catering. His packet address G6HEL @ GB7XDD.GBR.EU

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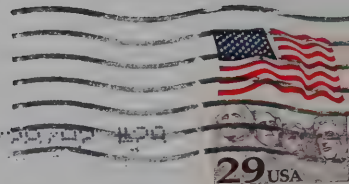
Lesbians have been in the forefront of gay and lesbian rights activism, and they have been heavily involved in the battle against AIDS and AIDS bigotry. Now, gay men who wish to express their appreciation to our lesbian sisters can support the "Brothers for Sisters" project of the ASTRAEA (National Lesbian Action) Foundation. The address is: Astraea National Lesbian Action Foundation, 666 Broadway, Suite 520, New York, NY 10012.

The Human Rights Campaign Fund is looking for workers to enroll members by staffing tables and working bars and local events during Pride Days. Workers can earn \$50 to 100.00 per weekend during Pride month weekends. Contact HCRF at 1-800-777-HCRF. LARC received a thank you note from Paula L. Ettelbrick of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. LARC has joined as an organizational member of Lambda Legal. It's the least we can do for our good friends at Lambda Legal!

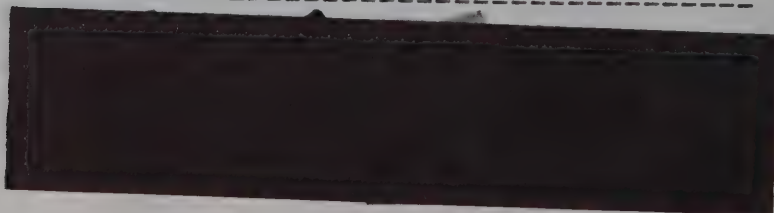
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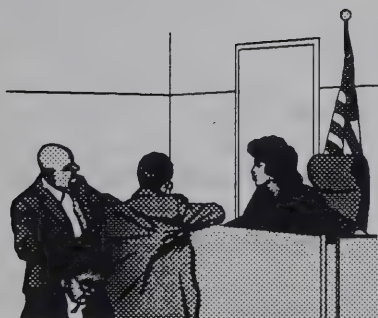


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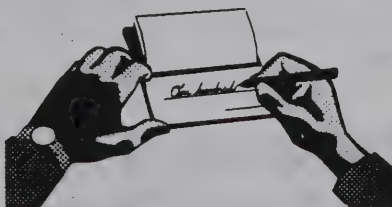
By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)



LARC Attorneys File Discrimination Claim Against ARRL In Connecticut

Attorneys representing the Lambda Amateur Radio Club filed a claim with the State of Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities against the American Radio Relay League, Inc. charging the ARRL with discriminatory practices in violation of the State of Connecticut Public Act 91-58 which prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation. The claim was filed on Wednesday, March 25, 1992, according to attorney Suzanne Goldberg with the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., representing LARC. The firm of Brown Raysman and Millstein of New York City is also cooperating with Lambda Legal in representing LARC. The complaint included the standard three page Connecticut State complaint affidavit as well as a seven page annexed affidavit which provides a full explanation of the history and nature of LARC's claim. The claim seeks "temporary and permanent injunctive relief against the League, and demands that the applicable civil and criminal

penalties be imposed". According to attorney Catherine McGrath of Brown Raysman and Millstein, after the complaint is filed the Commission will "contact the ARRL and require them to respond to LARC's complaint. The case will then be referred to an investigator who will explore the possibility of a resolution through conciliation. If no such resolution occurs... (and) if the Commission finds probable cause, the case will be set for a hearing, which is very much like a trial. Beyond that, appeals, both administrative and judicial, are available." In addition to Ms. Goldberg and Ms. McGrath, attorneys John Lynch, Gail Bernhaut and Robert G. Miller with Brown Raysman and Millstein are working on LARC's behalf. See the press release issued by Lambda Legal reproduced elsewhere in this newsletter.



LARC Members Urged To Support Lambda Legal

Donna Skelcy (N8PSH) is one of LARC's newest members. Donna is also an attorney. Donna recently called the LARC Hotline to suggest that each and every LARC member consider supporting the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., which is representing LARC "Pro Bono." Donna pointed out that organizations such as Lambda Legal that

work for social justice causes depend heavily on contributions to support their efforts. Since Donna is an attorney, she knows how expensive such efforts can be. If you would like to show your appreciation to Lambda Legal for their help, you can send your contribution to the Lambda Legal Defense And Education Fund, Inc., 666 Broadway, New York, NY 10012, or at 606 S. Olive Street, Los Angeles, CA 90014. Any gift would be welcome. Contributors of \$40.00 or more become members of Lambda Legal and receive a subscription to Lambda Update, the organization's newsletter. Please show your appreciation to our friends at Lambda Legal and please be as generous as you can!

WB6LYI and KK3K Conduct Successful OSCAR DXpedition

LARC Vice President Don (WB6LYI) and President Jim (KK3K) travelled to the Caribbean islands of Anguilla (VP2E) and Tortola (VP2V) during the week of March 9-16 to put these two DXCC countries on OSCAR-13 for the very first time. Don activated Anguilla on Monday, March 9, through Thursday, March 12 using the special prefix callsign VP25E/WB6LYI. The special VP25E prefix was authorized for use between January 1 and May 30, 1992 to mark the 25th anniversary of the revolution and independence of Anguilla from St. Kitts-Nevis. Don's was the only known DXpedition to the Anguilla during the period when the special callsign was authorized. Jim activated Tortola on Friday, March 13 through Sunday March

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President's Key

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)
President, LARC

What you've heard about going on a DXpedition is true! It sure is lots of fun and every ham should go on a DXpedition at least once in his or her lifetime. Don (WB6LYI) and I enjoyed our DXpedition immensely. All of our advance planning paid off because everything went without a hitch. We've got lots of photographs to share with everyone and we've completed work on the draft of an article which we plan to submit to 73 Amateur Radio Today magazine. You should see the piles of QSL cards from all over the world which have arrived at both of our homes! We made no secret of the fact that our DXpedition was sponsored in part by LARC. Our regular acquaintances on the satellite know about LARC and know we're gay. When Don and I returned home, we each had a check for \$100.00 waiting for us from the OSCAR-13 DX Fund to help with expenses. Satellite DXers had voted to send us the checks in appreciation of our efforts. It's a great feeling when you are honest with people about who and what you are, and they come through for you like our friends on OSCAR-13 did!

I have been extremely busy since I got back from the DXpedition. In particular, I've been very busy working with our attorneys from Lambda Legal. There were documents to prepare, review and revise; signatures to get notarized; FAXes to send and receive; telephone calls to make, receive and return; and research to be done. I regret that I have not had the time to personally thank those who have written me recently to voice their support of our legal action against the ARRL. I'd like to acknowledge and thank the following LARC members for their support: Nick (KA1MQX); Donna (N8PSH); Ray (N8KBF); Eric (WAØKVD); Gary (KA9NZI); Jim (AC4EA); Larry (NU4B); Roy (N5KLC); and Bill (WA2YMW), as well as others who had written earlier.

In any group of people there is going to be diversity of opinion. There are some LARC members who are not in favor of our current legal approach to the ARRL problem. These members are sincere in their beliefs; they have their reasons; and their opinions should be respected. However, Don (WB6LYI) and I, as the elected officers of LARC, are charged with making decisions which, like the decisions of the executives of any organization, occasionally are not going to be popular with everyone in the organization. What president, from George Bush on down, can "please all of the people all of the time?" Since March 2, 1992, LARC has been represented by legal counsel. Since that time, we have, in all cases, taken the advice of our legal counsel in terms of how to proceed. To do otherwise seems foolhardy. The ARRL could have, at any time, called a halt to this entire dispute by abandoning their discriminatory policy against LARC. We now know, thanks to a high placed source within the ARRL, that the policy denying our ad is an unwritten policy which can be changed by the ARRL Executive Committee. Their executive committee meets by phone whenever they want to deal with pressing business matters just like we do (see page 65 of the April QST to see proof of this). They could have reversed their policy at any time before or during their February 11 teleconference, but they didn't. They could have had another teleconference since to change the policy, but they didn't. They can end this dispute at any time they wish, but they haven't. The only conclusion I can draw from this is that we will have to force them through legal means to obey the law of Connecticut and cease discriminating against LARC. de KK3K

LARC Chapter Directory Needs Information About Your Chapter

While some of the local LARC chapters are listed on page 3, there are a number of informal groups that meet throughout the year that new members might want to contact, but, alas, they are not listed. Whoever was the leader in arranging for your last informal gathering, put together the information and send to LNN as soon as possible.

**Use the LARC Hotline
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If you'd like to receive a highly detailed, in-depth listing of each member, just send a 9" x 12" self-addressed envelope with \$1.90 postage affixed and a custom printed roster will be on its way to you. This way, you can have an updated roster as often as you'd like and LARC will not be sending rosters to anyone who doesn't want one.

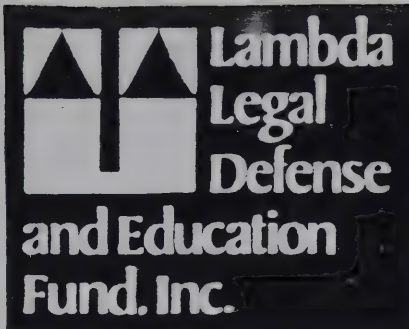
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News Release

LAMBDA FILES SUIT UNDER RECENTLY ENACTED CONNECTICUT GAY RIGHTS LAW

Charges American Radio Relay
League with Anti-Gay Discrimination

(New York, NY, March 25, 1992) Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund announced that it filed a complaint today in the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities against the American Radio Relay League (the "League") for rejecting an advertisement submitted by the Lambda Amateur Radio Club ("LARC"), an organization for lesbian and gay ham radio operators and supporters. The complaint alleges that the League's refusal to print the gay club's ad violates Connecticut's recently enacted gay rights law.

The League, headquartered in Connecticut, is a national organization of ham radio operators which, among other activities, publishes a monthly magazine called QST devoted to ham radio issues. A portion of the League's publication features classified advertisements of independent ham radio clubs and networks. The ads allow the clubs to increase their membership and visibility.

For more than six years, LARC has repeatedly submitted an ad containing basic membership information for publication in the League's QST. After accepting LARC's first submission and publishing it for one month in late 1985, editors of QST suddenly discontinued the advertisement. Since then, they have rejected numerous submissions by LARC, stating that LARC's proposed advertisement is unacceptable for publication.

In December 1991, QST rejected LARC's request to publish the following copy which was accompanied by the club's address and phone number: "LAMBDA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB international for gay and lesbian hams." According to League and QST officials, the gay group's ad

was rejected for representing a "special interest group," despite the fact that QST continues to publish the ads of ham radio operator clubs with memberships ranging from Jehovah's Witnesses to atheists to followers of Ayn Rand.

According to Suzanne Goldberg, the Lambda Legal Defense lawyer who represents the club along with the New York law firm of Brown, Raysman & Millstein, the complaint will test the reach of Connecticut's ban on sexual orientation discrimination by organizations and other places of public accommodation. Goldberg added that this is one of the first cases to be filed charging sexual orientation-based discrimination since Connecticut enacted the law which took effect in October 1991.

"We are tired of tolerating the petty ways in which the League has continually discriminated against LARC simply because we are a network whose membership comprises lesbians and gay men," said James Kelly, president of LARC. "Change in the League's bigoted policies is long overdue," he added. "The Connecticut legislature has declared that discrimination based on sexual orientation is illegal," stated Goldberg. "Organizations like the League may not lawfully permit their bias and bigotry to govern their actions. Under the Connecticut law, we can now hold them legally accountable."

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund is the country's oldest and largest national advocacy organization with offices in New York and Los Angeles, dedicated to protecting the legal and civil rights of lesbians, gay men, and people with HIV/AIDS, and to assuring good public policy on AIDS and health care.

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15. Months of planning and coordination paid off as The DXpedition went without a hitch. Don and Jim are working on a feature article on their DXpedition which they plan to submit to 73 Amateur Radio Today magazine.

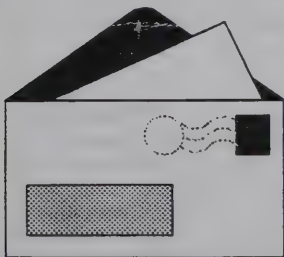


Three Additional LARC Members QRV on Satellite

LARC now has a total of six members QRV on satellite. Eric (N6ZSU), Jim (AF9A), and Norm (VE3CJE) are now active on OSCAR-13. Eric, Jim and Norm had their stations operational in time to work both Don (WB6LYI) in Anguilla and Jim (KK3K) in Tortola during their joint DXpedition. LARC members Norm (KF7IK) and Rick (K6VE) also worked Jim (KK3K) in Tortola from Eric's (N6ZSU) station.

LARC Member Tomas (SM6MLB) Profiled in Swedish Publication

Larc member Tomas Lysjo (SM6MLB) was profiled in a recent issue of the Swedish magazine Kom Ut. The article provided general information about LARC as well as contact information for those wanting membership information. The article also included an excellent photograph of Tomas and his shack.



Final Month For Renewal Drive

Thanks to all who have renewed their membership in LARC for 1992. There's still time for those who have not yet renewed to send in your renewal and dues. Don't wait, do it today! Thanks to the following members who has made an additional contribution to LARC for 1992: AA1Z, WB5MEI, KC6TAD, N4YZA, NU4B.

Welcome New Members

LARC is growing steadily! We now have 194 members on our roster. Welcome to our newest members: Michael Levine (call pending); Betty Ann Elizabeth Mayer (N0OUN); Byron Foster (N7TTB); Greg Griffin (unl); Christopher Pearce (KC4WYA); Alan Leder (SWL); Edward Colacuori (unl); Scott Webster (WA2CLV); Henry Kaminski (KA3WAM); Eric Pittman (unl); Bud Hubert (KC6WIE);

Chapter News

The Golden Gate Chapter has scheduled a vote on proposed changes to their Constitution and By-Laws for July. The Chapter met on March 12 and discussed the LARC/ARRL dispute. Subsequently, Chapter Secretary Arturo Salazar (N6PGH) wrote to the ARRL San Francisco Section Manager and the ARRL Pacific Division Director to state that, while the Golden Gate Chapter is affiliated with both LARC and the ARRL, it is an independent club with its own viewpoint on the dispute, which was previously outlined in a letter dated January 11, 1992 to ARRL San Francisco Section Manager John Wallack (W6TLK). In the January 11 letter, Arturo (N6PGH) stated that chapter members shared the feelings of LARC President Kelly on the discriminatory history of the ARRL treatment of LARC, but that they felt that a boycott of the ARRL or legal action would not be in the chapter's best interest.

The first meeting of the Pacific Northwest Chapter was held Saturday, March 7 in Puyallup, WA. Those attending included Rich (AA1Z), Mark (WA1SEY), Neil (WA6KLA), Patricia (KI6LW), Bill (N7MNT), Brian (WA7PVE), and Wayne (AI9Q). It was decided that the group would continue to get together socially at hamfests and possibly at member's homes later on. The next opportunity for members to meet will be at the Sae Pac Northwest Division Ham Convention in Sea Side Oregon, June 13 and 14.

The Finger Lakes Chapter met on March 13. Business transacted included matters related to Field Day, chapter dues and plans for future meetings.

The March issue of the Hollywood Chapter newsletter listed the next meeting date as April 12. Matters to be discussed include the Long Beach Gay and Lesbian Pride Weekend, the San Francisco AIDS

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LeRoy D. Lawhom, W4VTW

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Want to Come to Dayton?

If you're still trying to get to Dayton and want to join the LARC activities, contact Howard Wyman (W9BVD) for information NOW ... 309 Beverly Drive, Alexandria, 22305-1705.

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Bike-a-Thon, the L.A. Christopher Street West Gay and Lesbian Pride Weekend and Field Day. The newsletter also reported on the Chapter's efforts in connection with the LARC / ARRL dispute. As previously reported, Chapter members voted to suspend their ARRL affiliation proceedings until such time as the ARRL prints LARC's ad in QST. The

membership voted to send letters to ARRL President Wilson (W4OYI) informing him of the suspended affiliation proceedings and to ARRL Southwest Director Fried Heyn (WA6WZO) to ask for his support. Paul (KK6JD) wrote to Director Heyn on March 29. Director Heyn contacted Paul by phone on March



2. He went on record as supporting LARC's ad.

Member Correspondence

Stuart (GØBEV) has succeeded in getting his AMTOR station operational. He uses AMTOR to access GB7PLX for packet mail. Send packet messages to Stuart at GB7PLX.UK.EU. Stuart is planning to place LARC advertisements in French and German publications later this year.

Charlie Daily (KCØK) checked into the regular LARC nets on March 1.

Charlie sounded good and explained that he will be in rehabilitation for a couple of months. He will try to check-in to the LARC nets on the weekends when he is visiting his home. Welcome back to the nets, Charlie!

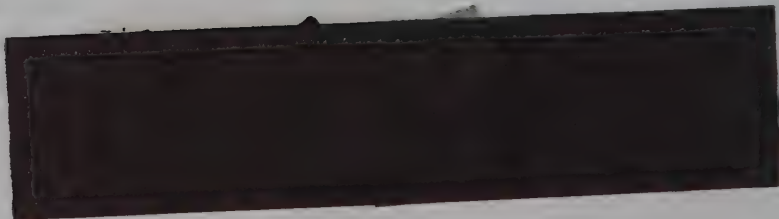
Ex-member Bob (VE3DOO) is retiring. He plans to relocate to Vancouver, British Columbia. Congratulations and best wishes. Bob!

According to VE3DOO, another former member Al (K5MWG) is now listed in the callbook as a silent key. Does anyone have any information on this?

LARC members Philip (WD4IJV), Keith (KA4PNO), LeRoy (W4VIW) met at the Charlotte, NC hamfest during the weekend of March 7-8. Also attending were friends and potential LARC members Hal (KD4BBB) and Chris (KC4WYA).

Eric (WAØKVD) has relocated from Hawaii. He is glad to be returning to San Diego after his 2-1/2 year stay in Hawaii.

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By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

Lambda Legal Agrees To Represent LARC: Attorneys To File Discrimination Claim Against ARRL in Connecticut

Attorneys representing the Lambda Amateur Radio Club will soon file a claim with the State of Connecticut Commission on Human Rights against the American Radio Relay League, Inc., an incorporated association chartered under the laws of the State of Connecticut, charging the ARRL with discriminatory practices in violation of the State of Connecticut Public Act 91-58 which prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation. The Lambda Amateur Radio Club is being represented by attorneys from the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation founded in 1973. The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc. is involved in legal cases across the country in an effort to help protect and enhance the rights of lesbians and gay men, and to educate the public about discrimination based on sexual orientation. The claimed discriminatory practice involves the Lambda Amateur Radio Club's attempts on four separate occasions since 1985, to place a small classified advertisement in the "CLUBS/HAMFESTS/NETS" classified ads section of the American Radio Relay League journal *QST*. After initially accepting the ad and publishing it for one month in the November 1985 issue of *QST*, the League discontinued the ad and has since refused to publish it. The League publishes ads in *QST* from a wide range of special interest clubs, from Jehovah's Witnesses to atheists. Lambda Legal attorney Ms. Suzanne Goldberg told LARC President Jim (KK3K) that Lambda Legal "saw no purpose in writing another letter to the ARRL" since LARC "had done more than enough in the past six years" to correct the situation. Ms. Goldberg stated that Lambda Legal's cooperating attorneys decided to recommend that LARC "immediately file a claim with the Connecticut State Human Rights Commission and then we (Lambda Legal) will send a copy of the claim to the ARRL." LARC President Jim (KK3K) was set to sign an attorney/client agreement with Lambda Legal in February and Jim agreed to proceed as per the recommendations of Lambda Legal's attorneys.

LARC vs. ARRL: More Is Now At Stake

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

It's LARC's good fortune that Connecticut is one of only five states that have laws on the books prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation. The law was just passed and signed into law last fall by Governor Lowell Weicker who has been a friend to the gay and lesbian community. This law enables our attorneys from Lambda Legal to file a discrimination claim on our behalf against the ARRL since the ARRL is a Connecticut Corporation and must follow Connecticut law. However, we must be aware that now the issue has moved beyond LARC and the ARRL. According to Lambda Legal attorney Suzanne Goldberg, our case could be very important because it might set a precedent by testing the efficacy of the new law and because it will provide an opportunity to educate the public about anti-lesbian and anti-gay discrimination. Most importantly, we must realize that the outcome of our claim could affect future claims by other lesbians and gays in Connecticut and elsewhere. Our attorneys have told us that we have been patient enough in our attempt to change the ARRL's discriminatory policy during the past six years. They have recommended that we file our claim and seek legal redress of our grievance against the League. Lambda Legal will represent us pro bono because our case could help them further two of their goals: educating the public about discrimination against lesbians and gays, and the setting of favorable legal precedent. Lambda Legal attorneys will do their part and we've got to do ours. Members of LARC's Hollywood Chapter have shown that they understand how important it is for our membership to be united at this important time to work with Lambda Legal in opposition to the ARRL. They have voted to place their planned ARRL affiliation on hold and notify the ARRL that they will not affiliate until the League stops discriminating. While not everyone in LARC may agree on our approach, we need at least tacit support from all of our chapters and members. Remember, a lot more than simply LARC's gripe with the ARRL is now riding on this one!

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President's Key

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

President, LARC

I'd like to thank all those who have written or called to express their support for my determination to do whatever it takes to force the ARRL to stop discriminating against us.

Roberta (N3CUD) wrote ... "in support of your stand and the moves under way to withdraw support from the ARRL. ... They would draw less negative attention to themselves by just placing the membership ad." Steve (KD6ZZ) suggested contacting the ACLU for help, but now we have Lambda Legal and that's even better! Harry (N2CJM) wrote to say that his complete disenchantment with the ARRL came a number of years ago. Irv (AF2K) told me he saw QST Advertising Manager Brad Thomas (KC1EX) at the Miami hamfest while he was on vacation in Florida and said would have given him a piece of his mind, however, he did not see the January LARC newsletter coverage of the latest ARRL misbehavior until he returned home. Philip (WD4IJV) wrote two letters to ARRL officials asking them why he should join in view of the League's continuing discrimination. He reminded the League's Dave Sumner about the boycott of the Cracker Barrel restaurant chain, which discriminates against lesbians and gays. Charlie Reavis (K9PVS/5) writes ... "Your editorial in the January 1992 newsletter really hit the nail on the head. ... I think every LARC member who now belongs to the ARRL should resign his/her membership immediately." I've also heard from several other LARC members on the air who are supportive. However, I did receive a couple of letters from members who are still not ready to use all means at our disposal to force the League to mend their ways. Doc (N2IKR) doesn't want to renounce his membership in the League because it's "the only game in town." Doc, less than 40 percent of licensed hams, only about 1 in 3, are League members! The "only game in town" doesn't represent even a simple majority of hams. Some game; more than half of the only team on the playing field didn't even show up! Doc (N2IKR) says "Like it or not, the League is Amateur Radio." I thought we hams are amateur radio! No wonder amateur radio has a death rattle. Another LARC member Don (W6DBZ) writes ... "please don't lose sight of the fact that the ARRL is a democratically run organization and can be influenced by its membership." Yes, ARRL officials are elected, however the ARRL leaves a great deal to be desired as a democratic organization. Think about it. There are at least two major problems. First, the League constitution and by-laws contains no "Bill of Rights" that protects the rights of its minority group members. Steve (KD6ZZ) checked this out for us while he was researching the League's tax exempt status. Gays and lesbians in the League are at the mercy of the majority and majority tyranny is one of the greatest threats to any democratic institution. Second, League officials are motivated by power politics (getting elected and re-elected) and money (getting and keeping dues paying ARRL members), not a desire for justice or a desire to do the right thing. When our ad ran in 1985, some of the League's finest (rednecks) complained and threatened to quit. That's when the League pulled our ad. What I don't understand is why some of us are so reluctant to take the same approach since we know that threatening to quit will get the League's attention. The League has demonstrated four times in six years that they will not listen to us until we force them to. For over six years we've patiently tried to convince them to work with us without results. Meanwhile, we pay our dues and behave like good little boys and girls, helping to support and lending legitimacy to an organization that discriminates against us. Don (W6DBZ) writes that he doesn't "understand the rationale of complaining about re-electing *the same old farts* to the Board of Directors unless you have taken the initiative to lobby your own representatives and candidates." Well, nobody in LARC has personally lobbied or written to more ARRL Officials including Presidents, Directors, Section Managers and others about this issue than I have since 1985, so I don't understand this criticism. I have been lied to outright by some of these individuals and shunned or ignored by others. From a few I get lip service and a promise of support. **The bottom line is that working from inside the League for over six years has accomplished nothing.** I'm tired of playing games; I want action! Don (W6DBZ) also doesn't like to see all of the ARRL Board of Directors "tarred with the same (anti-gay/anti-lesbian) brush." I have been told by one ARRL Director that the overwhelming majority of the ARRL Board of Directors will vote against LARC if and when the ad issue comes before the full ARRL Board. That makes the Board as an entity anti-gay and anti-lesbian in my book. Anyway, not one ARRL Director has stepped forward to publicly **disassociate** himself from the League's discriminatory policy toward LARC. Finally, Don (W6DBZ) writes ... "I'm sorry that Jim wrote his column (President's Key, January, 1992) while in that state of emotions. ... Anger and strong emotions, however well justified, often serve to cloud our thinking." Well, I'm still angry, Don, and gay and lesbian anger has been repressed long enough. I don't think my anger is clouding my thinking one bit. I'm determined to bring all the pressure to bear that we possibly can to get the League to stop discriminating against LARC including calling for a hobby-wide boycott if our legal efforts fail. Our attorneys have recommended that we forget about any more letters and file a discrimination claim against the League. My sense is that most of the members of LARC also realize that we've been patient long enough and that now is the time to exert full pressure on the League in order to force them to stop discriminating against us. de KK3K

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Hollywood Chapter Puts ARRL Affiliation On Hold

Members of the Hollywood Chapter of LARC met on Sunday, February 9, 1992. At the meeting, chapter members voted unanimously to place their planned ARRL affiliation in abeyance pending the outcome of the dispute between LARC and the ARRL. Chapter members also voted unanimously to notify ARRL President George Wilson (W4OYT) of their decision and to ask their ARRL Division Director Fried Heyn (WA6WZO) to actively work to reverse the ARRL's policy denying LARC's ad in QST.

Renewal Drive Continuing

Thanks to all who have renewed their membership in LARC for 1992. There's still time for those who have not yet renewed to send in your renewal and dues. Don't wait, do it today! Thanks to the following member who has made an additional contribution to LARC for 1992: WD4IJV.

New Progressive Ham Net Condemns Gay-Bashing And Homophobia

The newly formed Peoples Radio Network (PRN) has formed to help offset the racism, gay-bashing, anti-Semitism, chauvinism, and populist hatemongering heard on the ham bands. PRN net moderator Hank Roth (KM4PQ) states that "The important thing is to connect, to form a link or support mechanism for us as progressives in a sea of right-wingers." In the PRN February newsletter, Hank writes: "QST has refused for the fourth time to run an ad for the Lambda Amateur Radio Club, which certainly smacks of homophobia by the board of directors of the ARRL. ... That pisses me off! It should you too. Tell Them. Write the ARRL and tell them what you think." The PRN has HF net schedules on Saturdays and Sundays at 19:00 Zulu and Sundays at 05:00 Zulu on 14.327.5 Mhz. LARC members are invited to check-in to the PRN nets. To get on the PRN mailing list and receive the PRN newsletter write to Hank Roth (KM4PQ), 6701 Woodmere Drive, Raleigh, NC 27612.

Chapter News

The Hollywood Chapter is really on the move. They have begun to publish an as yet un-named monthly newsletter. Regular meetings are slated for the

second Sunday of the month. Chapter members will be busy planning for future activities including their participation in the Long Beach Gay and Lesbian Pride Celebration in May, the AIDS Bike-A-Thon in San Francisco in May, Field Day, the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Pride Weekend in June, and the West Coast Hamvention in August.

The Golden Gate Chapter planned to discuss licensing new hams, upgrading member skills and licenses, and technical assistance among the membership at their March meeting. A formal business meeting is planned for April 9th to discuss Bike-A-Thon final preparations. A vote on proposed amendments to the Chapter's Constitution and By-Laws is also scheduled. Chapter members voted to send a letter to ARRL Pacific Division Director Charles P. McConnell (W6DPD) ... "explaining why we feel discriminated against and asking for his support in reversing the decision of QST management." Responses from McConnell and ARRL San Francisco Section Manager John Wallack (W6TLK), while generally supportive in tone, still referred to LARC's ad as "issue advertising" and noted that the topic will be discussed at an ARRL Executive Committee Meeting in March.

Member Correspondence

Dale (WAØCFQ) writes "Jerry's (N4JB) idea of a personals column in the newsletter is a great idea. Hope it can be started soon!" The column can probably happen if someone is willing to coordinate the information and write it up for the newsletter. Is there anyone willing to write such a column?

Tomas (SM6MLB) advises that there will be an article about LARC in the national gay and lesbian magazine in Sweden. Tomas was interviewed by the editor of the publication in January. Tomas has also made an agreement with the sysops of a phone BBS called TGT to carry information about LARC. The phone number is +46 8 653 08 08. Keep up the good work, Tomas!

A photograph of LARC member Bob (KA8UHL) appeared in the Philadelphia Gay News in mid-February in an article written about the Cleveland Gay and Lesbian Community Center. Bob is President of the Center and a past Treasurer of LARC.

Miscellany

Dianne Schlotman and Ella Huwe are a lesbian couple fighting for the right to

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see Dianne's two children, Holly and Travis. Dianne's ex husband has taken legal action in North Dakota which prevents Dianne from seeing her children because she is a lesbian. Dianne and Ella have appealed the decision, but they need everyone's help and support. Cards, letters and contributions can be sent to The Dianne Schlotman Defense Fund, P.O. Box 10802, Fargo, ND 58106.

Openly gay U.S. Representative Gerry Studds of Massachusetts has again been targeted for defeat by right-wing fanatics who are depending on anti-gay sentiment to defeat Gerry. Gerry narrowly won last time and he needs help now to remain in office. If you would like to help, send your contribution to Studds For Congress Committee, PO Box 513, Scituate, MA 02066.

LARC had a nice ad on the back cover of the North Coast Men's Chorus' holiday

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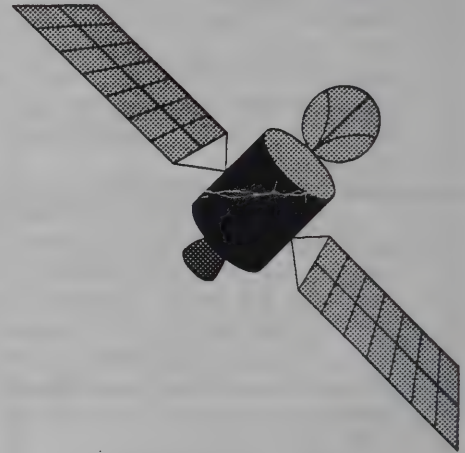
DXing on OSCAR

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

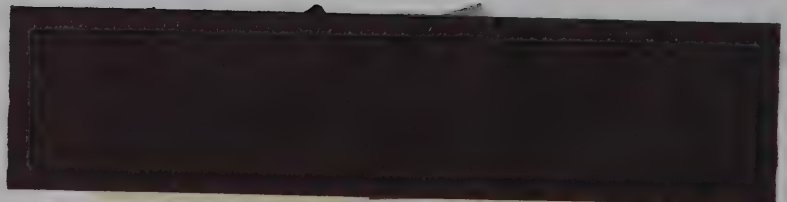
This month I'd like to tell you about DXing on OSCAR. I just received a QSL card for UJ, or Tadjikistan. This makes 101 countries confirmed on satellite with 110 worked in about 18 months. So, there's plenty of DX to work on OSCAR. I think the highest number of satellite operators come from the U.S., U.K., Germany and Japan. The Germans, in particular, are in abundance on OSCAR. You can probably work 50 or 60 countries in just a few short months on OSCAR if you operate on a regular basis. Then it becomes a bit more difficult to work new ones. Getting the QSL cards is also a challenge. Direct QSLing is the best way to confirm contacts and rack up country totals. What's necessary to be a successful DXer on OSCAR? Really, not much more in terms of equipment than is necessary for a good basic OSCAR station. The main ingredient for successful OSCAR DXing is the same as for HF DXing: good intelligent operating techniques. Employing solid DXing techniques including good listening habits is essential. While there are a few "big guns" on satellite, you certainly don't need to be a big gun to succeed. I worked my first 40 or 50 countries with a very basic set-up and no power amplifier. Even now I am running what could be termed an average station in terms of power and antennas, yet I've worked every country I've attempted. There is equipment that you can add to your station to improve your capabilities such as power amplifiers, stacked antennas, and preamplifiers, however, the advantage that this equipment will give you over the average station must be weighed against the expense of the gear. You really don't need to be a big gun to be a successful DXer on the satellite. DXing on satellite can be great fun. Pile-ups happen but they are of remarkably short duration due to the fact that there are fewer ops on the satellite compared to HF. You will be a success if you do your homework which means listening for up-to-date news on DXpeditions and monitoring DX frequencies for reports of DX stations who are active. If DXing is your thing, get on OSCAR and join in the fun!

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concert courtesy of an anonymous donor in the Cleveland area. The chorus will perform a gala concert with the Columbus, Cincinnati and Detroit choruses in March.



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Lambda Legal Evaluating LARC/ARRL Ad Dispute

The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., a high profile and extremely successful New York City based gay and lesbian rights legal advocacy corporation, is currently examining documentation relative to the dispute between the Lambda Amateur Radio Club and The American Radio Relay League. The dispute has to do with LARC's request to advertise in QST, and the League's refusal to publish LARC's ad in QST since 1985. LARC President Jim (KK3K) contacted Lambda Legal on Monday, January 6, 1992, at the suggestion of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Jim spoke with a staff attorney at Lambda Legal, Ms. Suzanne Goldberg, and explained the situation. Ms. Goldberg expressed interest in LARC's problem with the League and outrage at the treatment LARC has received from the ARRL. After consultations with other Lambda Legal staffers, Ms. Goldberg requested photostats of documents pertaining to LARC's problems with the ARRL. Jim assembled a packet weighing 2.4 lbs and forwarded it to Lambda Legal via express mail. On January 13, Jim received the following letter from Ms. Goldberg:

Dear James,

I am writing to let you know I received the packet of information regarding Lambda Amateur Radio Club's efforts to advertise in the American Radio Relay League Journal. Thank you for sending the materials so promptly. I have made copies of them for three of Lambda's cooperating attorneys. After we all review the materials and assess the situation, I will be in contact with you to discuss whether and how Lambda might take action on behalf of the club.

As of January 30, Lambda Legal attorneys were still evaluating the documents provided them by LARC.

LARC Officers Consulted

LARC President Jim (KK3K) notified LARC Officers who are members of the Executive Committee of LARC International of recent developments in the matter of the LARC/ARRL dispute. Executive Committee members indicated unanimously

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ARRL To LARC: Separate and Unequal

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

LARC Secretary Philip Jenkins (WD4IJV) has not been a member of the ARRL since 1981. Each year Philip receives two solicitations from the League urging him to rejoin. After he received the latest solicitation, Philip wrote then ARRL President Larry Price (W4RA) to tell Price that he would not consider rejoining until the League stopped discriminating against LARC. QST publisher Dave Sumner (K1ZZ) wrote back to Philip the following: January 7, 1992

Dear Philip:

Thank you for your note in response to our recent solicitation to resume your League membership, which expired in 1981.

We have been pleased to have the Lambda Amateur Radio Club — Golden Gate Chapter as an ARRL affiliated club since March 1990. It seems to me that any problems that may arise in relations between ARRL and LARC can best be addressed through mutual participation in the affairs of the two organizations.

In that spirit, I would like to ask that you reconsider your decision to remain outside the League.

73,

Sincerely,

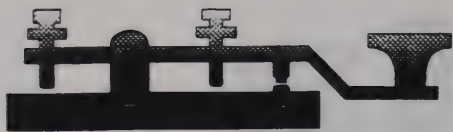
David Sumner, K1ZZ

At first glance, this letter might appear conciliatory. But, what is Sumner actually saying here in this letter? Let's take a closer look.

First, it's important to take note of what he is **not** saying. He is not saying that the ARRL is prepared to run LARC's ad! That's what Philip asked him to do, run LARC's ad.

Second, Sumner is articulating an approach that is strikingly similar to the old "separate but equal" approach to civil rights. Remember, prior to the Supreme Court decision in Brown v. Board of Education in 1955, the law of the land was that blacks and whites would have separate but equal schools. Of course, they were separate, but far from equal! So, the Supreme Court threw out separate but equal and mandated integration so that all children would have access to equality in education. Now, Dave

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President's Key

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

President, LARC

I think it's great that we now have legal help in dealing with the ARRL. The time has come to confront ARRL homophobia squarely and forcefully. The attorney I spoke with at Lambda Legal told me that she was outraged at the treatment LARC has received from the ARRL. However, we must realize that it may be that our friends at Lambda Legal in New York will not be able to take legal action on our behalf. Maybe the League has a constitutional right to freedom of association that allows them to discriminate against us. We'll find out now that Lambda Legal is looking at our difficulties with Newington. But, here's why we must do everything we can now, including taking legal action, if possible, to change the League's policy toward LARC:

First, League officials have done their best to quash this issue since 1985 when our ad ran for one month in the November issue of QST. Since that time we have written many letters, met personally with numerous League officials and sent in four separate ad requests all to no avail. None of this correspondence has ever appeared in any form in QST. Second, not only will QST not run our small membership ad, but neither will anyone from the ARRL explain why QST will run ads for any number of special interest clubs and nets (everything from atheists to missionaries) yet will not run our ad. When we've met with League officials we get lip service from some, and we're shunned or ignored by others. Third, LARC has stated goals among which is the promotion of the amateur radio service. The League is also dedicated to promoting ham radio. How can League officials let their prejudices of some get in the way of accomplishing this important task? We want to work with the League for the betterment of amateur radio. However, we need the League to cooperate with us and to help us build our club's membership in order to do this. We can't do this if the League will not work with us by allowing us to run a simple membership ad in QST. We're not asking the League to endorse our club, or the lifestyles of our members. We are asking the League to abide by its own stated motto ØOf, by and for the radio amateur.Ø Fourth, we have always been willing to meet with League officials to discuss this problem. I have even offered to travel to Newington to meet with higher-ups and present our case. However, I get little response from those in power. Fifth, certain Directors and at least one Section Manager have indicated their support for our club. Our Chapter in San Francisco is an affiliated club. This is gratifying, however it hasn't helped! Why? Because the League has never published the nature of our club or our affiliated Chapter in QST. Why should they when we send them our dues and never threaten to quit? You can be sure that the rednecks threatened to quit when our ad ran in 1985 and that's what got the attention of the ARRL officials. League officials told me as much! Well, if that's what drives League policy, money, not fair play, then we've got to be willing to play the same game. After all, we're not asking for a feature article, only that we be allowed to run an ad for membership. In summary, the League must immediately stop discriminating against LARC, many members of which are League members. If we're accepted as dues paying League members and as affiliated chapters, then why isn't LARC permitted at least minimal access to QST? It's simply unfair of the League to continue to collect our dues and not allow us to run a membership ad in QST.

That brings me to the issue of League membership. I plan to maintain my League membership temporarily, until we get a determination from Lambda Legal. Then, if we are unable to affect a reversal of the ARRL's discriminatory policy either through legal or other means, I will call for a hobby-wide boycott of the ARRL until this discrimination ends. I will need every LARC member who is also a League member, and every LARC Chapter, especially ARRL affiliated Chapters, to stand together with me on this. With Lambda Legal's help and advice, we'll give the ARRL one final chance to end their discriminatory policy. But, if this fails, we must be united in the use of a boycott, a long-established and successful civil rights tool, to force the ARRL to end discrimination aimed at lesbians and gays. de KK3K

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that, if legal action is possible, they are in favor of proceeding with the help of Lambda Legal to the fullest extent possible under the law in order to reverse the ARRL policy of discrimination against LARC.

ARRL in Apparent Violation of Connecticut State Law

The State of Connecticut passed and Governor Lowell Weicker signed into law Connecticut Public Act 91-58 last fall. This Act states in part that "It shall be a discriminatory practice in violation of this section (Sec. 4)...to discriminate, segregate or separate on account of sexual orientation". This is significant because the ARRL is incorporated in the State of Connecticut and is therefore subject to Connecticut State laws. LARC President Jim (KK3K) has contacted the Connecticut State Commission on Human Relations relative to the dispute between LARC and the ARRL. Jim was advised by Connecticut officials to file a claim with the Hartford branch of the State Human Relations Commission which is the closest branch to ARRL Headquarters in Newington. Jim is waiting for advice from attorneys at Lambda Legal before proceeding.

ARRL Tax Exempt Status and Discrimination Researched

Tucson LARC member Steve Godwin (KD6ZZ) contacted the Internal Revenue Service to request information on whether a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization would be jeopardizing its own tax exempt status by discriminating. Taxpayer Service Specialist R. Hartman of the Phoenix office of the IRS wrote to Steve that if the organizations Articles prohibited discrimination, and the organization was routinely discriminating, then their tax exempt status would be in question, since they would be in violation of their own Articles. However, Steve notes that the ARRL articles do not mention discrimination, so their tax exempt status

does not appear to be jeopardized by their discriminatory actions toward LARC.

1992 Renewal Drive Continues

Special thanks are extended to the following LARC members who have made extra contributions over and above their dues: KA2EGO; W6DBZ; AA6GA; K9PVS/5; WB8LPY; WA6MXR; KC3XC; K3AKK; WB9LOZ; K9AT; KK6JD. Remember to send in your renewal for 1992 if you have not already done so. We must receive your updated membership form if you wish to continue to be listed as an active member and receive the Lambda Net News. Thanks to all members who have renewed so far.

AI9Q To Distribute LARC Newsletter

Wayne (AI9Q) has volunteered to help out with the production and mailing of the Lambda Net News. Wayne will receive a master copy of the newsletter from Don (WB6LYI) each month. Wayne will have the master duplicated, assembled and mailed. The club greatly appreciates Wayne's assistance. With Wayne's help, we hope to produce our newsletter on time each month.

Dayton Hamvention Update

We have received confirmation from the Dayton Econo-Lodge that we have eleven rooms reserved for the club. If you are interested in attending the Dayton Hamvention and staying in one of the LARC rooms, you must return your reservations form and deposit to Howard (W9BVD) immediately.

KCØK In Rehabilitation

Charlie (KCØK) is in rehabilitation as a result of his injuries earlier this year. Charlie's LARC friends can send him greetings c/o Missouri Rehabilitation Center, 600 N. Main Street, Mt. Vernon, MO 65712. Get Well soon, Charlie!

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or call: Rick Fearn, K6VE

(213) 256-6556

Serves southern California. Meetings are monthly on weekends on announced schedule. Dues. Note: Field trips and outings are often scheduled.



It's been hectic! We're catching up on all the late breaking news relating to LARC. We hope to keep you informed and up-to-date on all the news quickly and accurately.

ARRL to LARC: Separate and Unequal

Sumner comes along with his "mutual participation in the affairs of the two organizations" statement. In other words, LARC and the ARRL must remain separate, but you can be a member of both (so the ARRL gets the dues money). Now I know why Sumner is where he is, he makes a good hatchet man for the ARRL.

Finally, Sumner is using the Golden Gate Chapter's ARRL affiliation to bludgeon Philip! This is really a low blow! Sumner

won't run our ad, but he'll take our dues. Then, when we complain, he hits us over the head with our own Chapter! Sorry Dave, but we can see through this transparent attempt at sliming LARC. Affiliated Chapters take note: Sumner and the League are not above using you to clobber our own folks when we ask for fair treatment from the League!

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Chapter News

The Finger Lakes Chapter had their January meeting on Friday, January 17th, following a festive dinner at Redmen's Party House where a surprise birthday cake was presented to Chapter members Irv (AF2K) and Bob (NG2P). Present were members Dave (KE2GE); Jim (N2IKR); Lisa (KB2DWB); Monica W.; Bob (NG2P); Doc (N2IKR); Irv (AF2K); and guest Buddha (N2OIA). Chapter Chairman Dave (KE2GE) prepared detailed job descriptions for the Chapter's Officers which were reviewed and accepted as presented. The next Chapter meeting was set for Sunday, February 16th. This will be the Second Anniversary Brunch at Grisanti's Restaurant and it is scheduled for 10:00 AM.

Bill (N7MNT) has notified LARC members in the Washington State and Northwest area that the first meeting of the new proposed LARC Chapter for the area is now scheduled to coincide with the 11th annual Mike and Key ARC Electronics flea market to be held in the Pavillion at the Puyallup Fairgrounds, Puyallup, WA on March 7, 1992. Contact Bill for further information if you are interested in attending and have not received his flyer.

Welcome New Members

Welcome aboard to the following new members of LARC: Mike (KA9THL); Robert Ivie (Unl); Patricia (KI6LW); Donna (N8PSH); Steve Chekey (Unl); and David (KB7ILO).

Member Correspondence

Ed (N9BIG) and Dave have been shorted out by the recession. They would like to represent a company or organization in Central Wisconsin. Contact Ed if you can help out. We hope Ed and Dave can get a new situation quickly!

Ken (N1HRZ) spent a couple of weeks skiing in Colorado in January. However, we're not sure whether Ken actually went on the slopes or spent his time at the bar in the clubhouse!

Irv (AF2K) was Florida bound in early February.

James (G4ILW) checked into the nets in late January from club station CE5NG. James was on assignment in Chile for one week. On the way, James stopped off at Tom (KI4ZN) and Dick's house and was 59-PLUS on the LARC nets from Tom's shack!

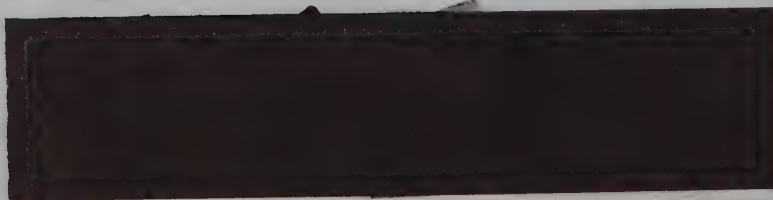
Jim (AF9A) is now QRV on OSCAR 13. Jim is looking around for a 70cm power amp to improve his Mode B performance.

Miscellany

The club recently received a copy of the Shocking Gray catalog. The merchandise catalog is aimed at "the Other 25 Million People", that is, gays and lesbians. Shocking Gray states that they "and all of our suppliers continue to support the gay/lesbian community through our unique revenue donation program." The catalog contains many unique items of interest to gay men and lesbians. Contact Shocking Gray at 1216 East Euclid, San Antonio, TX 78212-4159 if you would like a copy of the catalog.

Hank Roth, a ham from Raleigh, NC would like to hear from hams with a left-wing political persuasion so that he can set up a net. Hank writes "The right-wing Liberty Lobby has been for years meeting on ham bands. Fundamentalists Christians have their nets. Gay bashers have theirs. They are, after all, just a microcosm of our society. But I suspect there are a substantial number of us, too, who are not as vocal as we should be. This is another way for us to participate in the struggle for social justice." If you're interested, contact Hank Roth, 6701 Woodmere Dr., Raleigh, NC 27612.

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By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

ARRL Again Rejects LARC Advertisement

The following is the text of a letter dated December 10, 1991 sent to LARC President Jim Kelly (KK3K) by Brad Thomas (KC1EX), Advertising Manager of QST:

"Dear Mr. Kelly:

I apologize for the delay in responding to your request for a Ham-Ad.

Director Kanode was incorrect. Staff members at HQ do not have the power to override policies made by the elected Board. The Board or one of its committees have (sic) reviewed the policies and as of this date, no changes have been made.

Enclosed is your refund check."

The ARRL has refused, since 1985, to allow LARC to advertise in QST. See the Sept./Oct. 1991 issue of the Lambda Net News for further background information relative to this letter from the ARRL.

1992 LARC Renewal Drive Continues

You should have received your 1992 LARC renewal form with last month's newsletter. Please take a few minutes to complete the renewal form now if you haven't done so already. Please mail in your renewal and your dues to LARC Treasurer Tom Hendrix (KI4ZN), 270 E. Bahama Road, Winter Springs, FL 32708 as soon as possible. The club needs each and every member's support!

Dayton 1992

Reminder! We must receive your reservation and deposit if you wish to reserve space in one of the LARC hotel rooms for the 1992 Dayton Hamvention.

Send your reservations and deposits to LARC Hamvention housing coordinator Howard Wyman (W9BVD), 309 Beverly Drive, Alexandria, VA 22305-1705.

Welcome New Members!

A hearty "Welcome Aboard!" to the following new members who have joined LARC in the past six months: Dominic Calia, Garden Grove, CA; Brian Short (KF0BU), Lawrence, KS; Thomas Rutledge (N3AEC), Tyler Hill, PA; Robert Baker (WA2IEK), Irvington, NJ; Kris Torrey (KA6VQI), Colton, CA; John Chitwood (K3RGB), Jessup, MD; Gary Phillips (KA9NZI), Chicago, IL; Darian Lewis (KB8FOX), Cincinnati, OH; Larry Lawhorn (WA4MJQ), Richmond, VA; Bill Chiles (WA3ZQG), Pittsburgh, PA; Suzanne Conner (N8PIE), Copley, OH; Fred Veth (WB2YTA), Catawissa, PA; Ruth Franz (KC4ZZB), Arden, NC; Russell Altig (KC6ZKM), Hayward, CA; Hal Garrison (KD4BBB), Winston-Salem, NC; Bill Kirkland (N5TSE), North Little Rock, AR; Brian Baskett (WA7PVE), Tacoma, WA; Alan Bartlett (VE7IDE), BC-Canada; Steven Iversen (KC6VRG), Orcutt, CA; Bob Herrell (WB5PTO), Las Vegas, NE; Judith Combs (KC6CUC), Los Angeles, CA; Art Anderson (KB0JQP), Denver, CO; Robert Pacetelli, Deltona, FL.

LARC HF Net Activity

Propagation has been pretty good on HF. We have had transatlantic contacts in November, December and January. Stateside nets have continued regularly. LARC net stalwarts Tom (KI4ZN) and Irv (AF2K) usually insure a spot for us on the crowded bands with their whopping signals. Regular check-ins include

WA0CFQ, WB5MEI, N5MVI, N7MNT, WD4IJV, KK6JD, WB6YYZ, N1HRZ, WA1VEC, WA7PVE, W9BVD, N2IKR, G4ILW, G0BEV, GM0KWL, KB6HRZ, KK6AR, K9PVS/5, W4VTW, AF9A, NY3F, AA6LJ, K4UW.

New Pacific Northwest Chapter Forming

Bill (N7MNT) has contacted LARC members in Oregon, Washington State, Montana and British Columbia to suggest the formation of a new LARC chapter. While there is quite a bit of geography involved, Bill is hoping to schedule a meeting at a hamfest in the Spring and he is looking for suggestions and ideas from interested LARC members in the area.

Local Chapter News

The Hollywood Chapter has elected Officers to serve two year terms beginning January, 1992. Elected were Chapter President Rick Fearn (K6VE); Vice President Judy Combs (KC6CUC); Secretary Larry Dean (KC6NUC); and Treasurer Eric Levinson (N6ZSU). Chapter meetings are held on the second Sunday of each month. The Chapter has also voted to apply for ARRL affiliation.

The Golden Gate Chapter has set a busy calendar for 1992 including business meetings on January 9, February 13, and March 12, 1992. The AIDS Bike-A-Thon, which the Chapter has provided with communications support in the past, is set for Saturday, May 9, 1992. The agenda for the January business meeting included planning for 1992 social and community service events and a discussion of the League's refusal to run LARC's ad.

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President's Key

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

LARC President

I am hopping mad at the ARRL for dumping on LARC again by refusing to run our small membership info ad in the Ham-Ads section of QST. I have lost patience with them and what I think of them is not fit to print, I can assure you. While I have reluctantly maintained my ARRL membership since 1985 when they first refused our ad, I now plan to cancel my membership and request a refund. I will not support any organization which is as blatantly homophobic as the American Radio Relay League. Make no mistake about it, the Board of Directors of the League is anti-gay/lesbian. Sending your money to them is the same as financing some of your other enemies such as Jesse Helms and William Dannmeyer. I'll not support this bigoted organization any longer. What really bugs me about our situation with the League is their dishonesty. They have never told their membership in QST that they have steadfastly refused to run our simple membership info ad. They have never published any, not one, of our many letters stating our side of the story. They have admitted one of our Chapters as an official affiliated Chapter, but they've never told the membership via QST that there is a gay and lesbian ARRL affiliated club. They continue to have it both ways. They take our dues money and dump on us without ever having to publicly explain their policy or answer for their bigotry.

Unfortunately, we don't have the resources to bring this to the attention of the ARRL general membership. The ARRL is afraid to go public on this. The cowards in Newington are afraid that not everyone would support their discriminatory policies.

I'm dropping my League membership. I can insure my equipment with my homeowners carrier. I can send my DX QSL cards direct or via the AMSAT outgoing QSL bureau. I can read 73 Amateur Radio, Radio Fun, and CQ rather than QST. In addition, our problem with the ARRL is not my only gripe. Dave Sumner (K1ZZ), the publisher of QST, wrote a horrible editorial early last year about packet radio operations which demonstrated just how backward thinking and out of touch the ARRL really is. We lost part of 220 while the ARRL practically sat still. Why didn't they try to mobilize hams, publish a petition, organize a march, something, anything? Instead, they built themselves a fancy new shack and filled it with commercial radio equipment, with your dues! The no-code proposal that was finally adopted was not the proposal that your League geniuses came up with. It's no wonder ham radio in this country is on the skids. We hams need leadership, courage and forward thinking from our leaders. It's abundantly clear that we'll never get it as long as ARRL members continue to re-elect the same old farts to the ARRL board of directors. There are other worthy ham radio organizations which I plan to support. I will send what I would have sent to the ARRL to AMSAT.

This doesn't mean that LARC won't continue to pressure the ARRL and confront them about their homophobia. Steve (KD6ZZ) is checking with the IRS to see if we can go at them for

discriminating against us based on their tax exempt status. I'm going to check to see if we have any recourse under the newly signed-into-law Connecticut State Gay and Lesbian Rights Law. You can bet that I'll give ARRL Officials a piece of my mind whenever I can, especially if the opportunity to do so in a public forum presents itself. There will be no ARRL patches on my jacket. There's no ARRL DX map of the world up on my wall. There'll be no ARRL emblem on my QSL cards. To hell with the ARRL! LARC members should reevaluate their support of this organization. It doesn't deserve your support. Our hobby is in deep trouble if we hams, gay or straight, continue to rely on the ARRL to be our advocate. de KK3K

Ideas and Suggestions Wanted

We need your ideas on a variety of subjects ...how should we approach the ARRL at this point? ...in what other publications should we attempt to run our ad? ...is it time to stop being "Mr. Nice Guy" and get tough? ...how can we increase our foreign membership? ...does anyone have contacts in foreign countries where information might be obtained on suitable publications in which to advertise? ...other than Dayton, at what other suitable events might LARC consider holding meetings? ...are there services you would like to see LARC provide? ...what can we do better to serve you?

Your opinions are very important to us! Write LARC or call the LARC Hot-Line and tell us what you think right now while it's on your mind ... (215) 978-5272.

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Member Correspondence

Washington State LARC member Wayne (AI9Q) has volunteered to help out the our newsletter in spite of the fact that he often works 14 or 15 hour days in his brokerage business. Wayne says that he does a lot of copying and mailing anyway, so he's willing to do the same with our newsletter. Wayne was just elected to his local amateur radio club's board of directors. Wayne writes: "I spent several weekends this past summer helping install a major HF antenna farm. The site consists of six 150-200 ft. towers and full size 40, 20, 15 & 10 meter beams. I was one of the climbers on this huge project. It gave me plenty to do this summer and provided much needed exercise and a physical workout. In November, I joined the volunteer group of the Portland Center for the Performing Arts. We act as ushers, ticket takers, give tours and run the gift shops and information booths. Whew! Now I want to help with the newsletter. Oh well, it keeps me out of the bars and off the streets, HI! HI!"

Dale (WAØCFQ) spent the holidays with family in California and checked into LARC HF nets from the QTH of Bill (K9AT) and Larry (WB9LOZ).

Bob (WB6YYZ) checked into the East coast 40 meter net on January 2 from

Wilkes Barre, PA where he was visiting and checking out the cold and snowy conditions in the East.

Matt (NY3F) is doing post-graduate work in bio-chemistry at Purdue University. Matt also planned to spend some time on the West Coast around the holidays and will be hosted by Bill (K9AT) and Larry (WB9LOZ).

Congratulations to Denver, CO LARC member Art Anderson on his brand new first call KBØJQP!

LARC Secretary Paul (KK6JD) plans to assemble an OSCAR station in 1992. Paul writes: "Someone...mentioned that it might make an interesting article for the newsletter to have an item about the different jobs that our members have. For example, our new (member) Bob (WB5PTO) in Las Vegas is the technical supervisor for the Las Vegas airport; Rick (K6VE) works for the ABC network; I work for Warner Bros. Studios; Trish (WA6UBE) is the communications technical supervisor for San Jose, CA; Don (WB6LYI) travels the country teaching computers, etc."

Bob Baker (WA2IEK) is working full time and attending school part time. Bob is pursuing a technical degree while working as in inside salesman. Bob has worked as a technician and plans to return to a more technically oriented type of work.

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AMSAT Needs Your Support

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

Even if you're not currently set up to work via amateur satellites, you can help support the amateur satellite program by becoming a member of AMSAT-NA. AMSAT is primarily financed by membership dues and donations. This means that amateur satellites are financed, designed, built, launched and maintained by hams themselves! Membership in AMSAT costs \$30 a year. Half of the dues goes towards your subscription to The AMSAT Journal which is published quarterly. If you would like to join AMSAT-NA, you can contact them at 850 Sligo Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910. The telephone number is

301-589-6062 and the FAX number is 301-608-3410. Besides the subscription to The Amsat Journal, other AMSAT membership benefits include discounts on AMSAT's superior tracking programs InstantTrack and QuickTrack. At this time, AMSAT has embarked on a fund raising drive to raise money to finance the next high orbiting amateur satellite set to be launched in 1995. The project is known as "Phase 3D". AMSAT is looking for support from the ham community in the form of pledges to the AMSAT Phase 3D Fund. Hams can sign on as Participating Members for a pledge of \$36.92 annually in each of the next

five years; or as Supporting Members for a pledge of \$70.00 in each year; or as a Sponsor for \$100.00 annually; or as a Patron for \$200.00 annually; or as a Benefactor for \$500.00 annually; or as a Leadership Donor for a pledge of \$1,000.00 annually. AMSAT will also gladly accept one-time donations to the Phase 3D fund from hams who cannot make a five-year pledge at this time. But, the most important thing you can do right now is to join AMSAT if you're not yet a member and help support one of the most exciting activities in amateur radio!

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CQ DX: Determining North by the Aid of the Sun

By Tom Hendrix (K14ZN, Winter Springs, FL)

Here we go again and a New Year to boot! Hopefully, the Fat Man in the red suit brought you some new gear for your ham station and perhaps the equipment included a new beam antenna. Some time in the future you are going to have find true north so you can properly align your antenna. The purpose of this article is to assist you in accomplishing that chore with the aid of Old Sol. However, you could, on a clear night, find the North Star (Polaris) and aim your boom.

Of course there are several other ways you could find true North from your location such as calling a local University Physics Department, your city Building & Planning Department, or perhaps your library may have the information. Also, you could use a magnetic compass but you would then have to have access to some additional information. Using this method the relationship is:

| | | | | |
|--------|------------------------|--------|--------|-----------|
| T | V | M | D | C |
| (true) | (virgins) | (make) | (dull) | (company) |
| | or the other direction | | | |
| C | D | M | V | T |
| (can) | (dead) | (men) | (vote) | (twice) |

T=True V=Magnetic Variation
M=Magnetic Heading D=Deviation C=Compass

As you can see this doesn't appear to be much fun! So let's explore another method using the sun. All you need to know is your local longitude which you can obtain from a world map or even a road map. Approximations are fine. Perhaps, a friend may have this information or you can call your local airport.

The method described here is one I stumbled on some time ago and have used frequently having changed QTHs several times. It is based upon the sun's meridian (longitude) passage at any place in the world. At this time,, the sun is at its maximum altitude and is on a north and south line. Table A. lists the LMT of the sun's meridian passage on the first, tenth and twentieth of each month.

TABLE A

| Date | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1 | 1202 | 1213 | 1211 | 1203 | 1156 | 1157 |
| 10 | 1207 | 1213 | 1209 | 1200 | 1156 | 1159 |
| 20 | 1210 | 1213 | 1207 | 1158 | 1156 | 1201 |

| Date | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1 | 1203 | 1205 | 1159 | 1149 | 1143 | 1148 |
| 10 | 1204 | 1204 | 1156 | 1146 | 1143 | 1152 |
| 20 | 1205 | 1202 | 1153 | 1144 | 1145 | 1157 |

Our clocks are based on zone time and not on local time therefore it is necessary to apply a longitude correction to convert to time units. Table B provides this to the nearest standard meridian. Meridians are spaced 15 degrees apart to the East or West of the Greenwich prime meridian. If the station longitude is east of the standard meridian, subtract the difference in longitude in time units between your station and the nearest standard meridian. Conversely, if the station is west add the time difference.

| Arc | Time
(Minutes) | Arc | Time
(Minutes) |
|-------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|
| 0.00' | 0 | 4.00' | 16 |
| 0.15' | 1 | 4.15' | 17 |
| 0.30' | 2 | 4.30' | 18 |
| 0.45' | 3 | 4.45' | 19 |
| 1.00' | 4 | 5.00' | 20 |
| 1.15' | 5 | 5.15' | 21 |
| 1.30' | 6 | 5.30' | 22 |
| 1.45' | 7 | 5.45' | 23 |
| 2.00' | 8 | 6.00' | 24 |
| 2.15' | 9 | 6.15' | 25 |
| 2.30' | 10 | 6.30' | 26 |
| 2.45' | 11 | 6.45' | 27 |
| 3.00' | 12 | 7.00' | 28 |
| 3.15' | 13 | 7.15' | 29 |
| 3.30' | 14 | 7.30' | 30 |
| 3.45' | 15 | | |

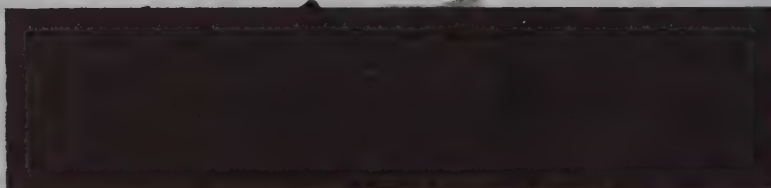
TABLE B
Difference of Longitude Conversion

Let us now have a hands on demonstration by working a few problems demonstrating the simplicity of the Ole Sol method.

(1) What is the standard time of meridian passage of the sun at longitude 81 degrees and 41 minutes(W) — (my QTH) on March 15. From Table A, we interpolate a value of 1208. The nearest standard meridian is 75 degrees W. The difference is 6 degrees and 41 minutes. From Table B this equates to 27 minutes. Since my station is WEST the standard meridian, the Eastern standard time of the sun's meridian passage is 1208 + 0027=12:35 EST.

At the standard time, the sun is on your meridian, line up the antenna boom with the sun or parallel to any shadow cast by a vertical structure (tower, pole, stick, etc.). Set your direction indicator to 0 degrees. That's it, folks.

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By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

Newsletter Volunteers Needed

The club needs one or more volunteers to pitch in and help with the printing and mailing of our newsletter. Jim (KK3K) will continue to write the bulk of the text, and Don (WB6LYI) will do the layout, produce the master copy of the newsletter, and maintain the club database. We need someone to get the master copy duplicated, assembled, and mailed. This should take no more than three or four hours a month, and the club will pay for the printing and postage. One person can handle this, or two members living nearby, or perhaps a LARC chapter could help us out so that we can continue to produce a monthly newsletter on a timely basis. With the recent expansion of our membership to over 165 members, the job of producing our newsletter has become too much for one person to handle by himself. Don (WB6LYI) has been singlehandedly producing our excellent newsletter since August, 1985. Don has produced a consistently high quality newsletter from the start, and he has continued to improve the newsletter since that time. However, Don's job requirements (he's "on the road" three out of every four weeks) coupled with the growth of the club make it impossible for him to do the entire newsletter project by himself during his limited time at home. If you would be willing to help out with this important project, please contact Don (WB6LYI) or Jim (KK3K). We need responsible individuals to pitch in and help us out for everyone's benefit.

1992 Renewal Drive

You will find your 1992 dues and LARC membership renewal form

enclosed with this issue of the newsletter. Please take a few minutes to complete the renewal form now. Please mail in your renewal and your dues as soon as possible. The club needs each and every member's support!

CQ Magazine Runs LARC Ad

Another barrier to the acceptance of LARC by the mainstream amateur radio community was overcome with the publication of a LARC classified ad in the October, 1991 issue of CQ Magazine. The ad reads: "LAMBDA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB international for gay and lesbian hams. Box 24810, Philadelphia, PA 19130 (215-978-LARC)". This now means that QST published by the ARRL is the only one of the three major ham radio monthly publications that has not agreed to publish our ad. LARC has submitted another ad request to the ARRL. The ARRL has not yet indicated whether or not they intend to run our ad, however, they did cash our check in October. Perhaps we'll see our ad in the January 1992 issue of QST!

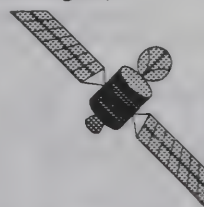
LARC Ad Submitted to QST

Another LARC classified ad request was forwarded to ARRL headquarters in Newington in late October. Two years have passed since our last request was rejected. During that time, other mainstream publications have been running LARC ads regularly. In addition, the Golden Gate chapter of LARC became an ARRL affiliated club. Therefore, it will be more difficult for ARRL officials to justify rejecting our ad.

Listen to OSCAR 13 QSOs

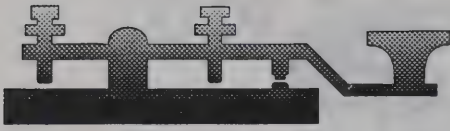
By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

Do you have an all mode 2 meter radio? Did you know that you can hear the OSCAR 13 downlink even with a simple vertical antenna as long as your 2 meter radio can receive SSB? That's right! When conditions are favorable, that is, when OSCAR 13's antennas are pointing at or near your location, you can often hear interesting QSO's taking place via OSCAR 13's mode B transponder. Get a copy of one of the shareware satellite tracking programs for your computer and enter in an up-to-date set of Keplerian elements. Then your computer will tell you when you have AOS (acquisition of signal).



Your best chance of hearing OSCAR 13 QSOs will be at or near apogee (when the satellite is farthest from Earth) just before it switches to mode J and/or just after it switches back to mode B. At these times, the satellite's antennas are usually pointing almost directly at Earth. You will be able to copy the stronger signals coming back. Listen on upper sideband between 145.885 and 145.94 for SSB signals, and between 145.84 and 145.88 for CW. You may even be able to hear OSCAR 13's PSK/RTTY/CW beacon on 145.812, +/- doppler shift. Once you hear how much fun it is, you may decide to set up a full fledged OSCAR 13 satellite station!

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President's Key

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

Don (WB6LYI) and I are going on a DXpedition in March to VP2E, Anguilla, and VP2V, the British Virgin Islands. No one has ever operated from either location on satellite, so it will be exciting to go there and "put two new ones on the bird." I was going to go to VP5, the Turks and Caicos Islands, in December, but some VE came out of nowhere and announced that he was going there ahead of me! I had already made tentative reservations and sent away for my VP5 license, but I was able to cancel the reservations so I didn't lose much money, just \$60 or \$70 in license fees and long distance phone calls. I was discouraged for a time, but then I bounced back and started making plans with Don for our joint DXpedition. I had already invested about \$400 in a special antenna and assorted supplies to make a DXpedition possible, so Don and I are determined to pull this together. When we get to the British Virgin Islands, we'll be staying in a cabin on the North shore of Tortola where we can set up the antenna and point it at OSCAR 13. Don is working on accommodations in Anguilla. We'll enjoy the sightseeing, swimming, snorkeling and fine restaurants when we're not on OSCAR 13. Since I've been out of work for over a year finishing up my degree program, I'll have to dip substantially into my retirement savings in order to go on this DXpedition. I gave quite a bit of thought to the advisability of doing this. I guess most people in my position would hold on to their retirement savings and "wait for a better time" to do something like this. But a lot of people end up never doing what they'd like to do in life. They put things off or wait too long because they're afraid, or they're uncertain. Opportunities are missed. Some of my friends have died of AIDS or some other cause. They'll never get another opportunity to do the things they really wanted to do in life. Going on a DXpedition is something I really want to do at least once. If we do this now we can be the first to put two new countries on the satellite. We'll both get a chance to work a real pileup from the other side of the mike. If I wait until I'm employed again, or for "a better time," I may miss this opportunity altogether. I remember what the character played by Robin Williams said in the movie Dead Poets Society: "Seize the moment!" I've found it easier to live with decisions I've made based on this philosophy. I missed Woodstock because I didn't want to risk taking a few days off from my summer job. I've regretted it ever since. I'll have no more such regrets if I can help it. VP2V and VP2E here we come! QRZ from VP2V/KK3K! de KK3K

KK3K & WB6LYI in OSCAR DXpedition

Special recognition will be coming to Jim Kelly (KK3K) and Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI) next March as they travel to Anguilla (VP2E) and the British West Indies (VP2V) island of Tortola. Their operating schedule for AMSAT OSCAR-13 runs March 10-15, 1992.

Don will begin the DXpedition operation from Anguilla as VP2E/WB6LYI during March 10-13. Jim will operate as VP2V/KK3K from Tortola March 13-15. Neither of these DX countries have been on-the-air on OSCAR-13 before, so they anticipate there will be a lot of stations attempting to work them when they come on the air, especially since they will be operating for such short periods of time at each DX location.

Don reports that air travel and hotel reservations have already been made. Now, the task is to organize all of the aspects of the DXpedition including who will be carrying the radio, power supply, amplifier, cabling, antennas, accessories, paperwork, toolkit, emergency supplies, camera, logbooks, etc.

Don and Jim are hoping to get good quality photographs of themselves in action for the QSL card they plan to send to all those who contacted them during the DXpedition.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime undertaking for both of them — good luck!

Dayton Hamvention Coming Soon!

The 1992 Dayton Hamvention will be upon us very quickly, so be sure to get your LARC Room Reservation form mailed to Howard (W9BVD) as soon as possible.

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Membership rosters are published several times each year and will be inserted into an issue of the LAMBDA NET NEWS. This summarized roster lists basic member information.

If you'd like to receive a highly detailed, in-depth listing of each member, just send a 9" x 12" self-addressed envelope with \$1.90 postage affixed and a custom printed roster will be on its way to you. This way, you can have an updated roster as often as you'd like and LARC will not be sending rosters to anyone who doesn't want one.

Mail your request TODAY to:

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Charlie Daily (KCØK) Injured and Hospitalized

LARC member Charlie Daily (KCØK) was seriously injured on Sunday evening, September 22, 1991. According to Charlie's friend Sandy Wood, that Sunday evening was foggy with poor visibility. Charlie, who is legally blind, apparently walked out in front of a car driven by a registered nurse. Charlie was struck and he flipped over the hood of the car and landed on his head. He was admitted to St. John's hospital in Springfield, MO. and diagnosed as having three skull fractures. His condition initially deteriorated from serious to critical, but by Sunday, September 30th he had improved sufficiently to be moved from intensive care to a room in the neurological section. LARC members may send get well wishes to Charlie c/o his home address since he will be in rehabilitation for some time.

Dayton Hamvention 1992

It's time again to firm up your plans for attending the 1992 Dayton Hamvention. You will find a reservations form included with this newsletter. We must receive your reservation and deposit before January 31, 1992 if you wish to reserve space in one of the LARC hotel rooms. Send your reservations and deposits to LARC Hamvention housing coordinator Howard (W9BVD), 309 Beverly Drive, Alexandria, VA 22305-1705.

LARC HF Net Activity

Propagation has ranged from poor to excellent this fall. September 22 and October 13 were banner days for HF propagation and there were many check-ins on the LARC nets on all bands on these dates. Ten meters has been wide open for some of our nets. In one case, West coast LARC members made contact with Brian (GMØKWL) in Scotland. Conditions appear to be holding up even as the current sunspot cycle declines.

Chapter News

The Finger Lakes Chapter (upstate NY) had a booth at the 1991 Pink Flamingos & Purple Hearts Gay and Lesbian Convention held during the last weekend in August. According to AF2K We had a super location for the LARC booth/table with banner overhead. Some interest from passers-by, but unfortunately no new member sign-ups. However, we

just have to consider that the public exposure was well worth it".

The Golden Gate Chapter (San Francisco) has elected new officers for the 1992 term: President, Kit Brown (WB6QVU); Vice-President, Louis Hogan (KB6VSP); Secretary, Arturo Salazar (N6PGH); and Treasurer, Bill Choisser (K9AT). Chapter dues were increased to \$15.00 per year for 1992. The Chapter received a thank you letter from Matt Algieri, Logistics Chairman of the Different Spokes, Inc. AIDS Bike-a-Thon. Mr. Algieri wrote to Don (W6DBZ). President of the GGC "Your efforts, combined with those of over 300 other volunteers, were instrumental in raising over \$280,000 for fifteen Bay Area AIDS agencies". GGC members Paul (KK6JD) and John (W6BM) raised the issue of LARC advertising in QST with ARRL Pacific Division Director Candidate Glenn Zumwalt (KJ6EN) at a local club meeting. They made Mr. Zumwalt aware of the problem and received a favorable response. Don (W6DBZ) hosted a Thanksgiving pot luck dinner for the Chapter.

Member Correspondence

High winds have struck again in the United Kingdom. James (G4ILW) reports that he lost his 40m and 75/80m dipoles recently due to the winds. His antennas are intact on 15/10m, so he plans to check-in to the LARC skeds. James enjoyed meeting with Tom (KI4ZN) and Dick as well as with Vic (WB5MEI) and Jessie when these stateside members were on holiday in the UK during the summer.

Stuart (GØBEV) travelled to Tenerife in the Canary Islands on holiday during September. He and Alan enjoyed their annual motorcycle trip through France in June. Stuart and Alan also enjoyed Tom (KI4ZN) and Dick's visit.

Dave (WD8IKB) travelled to California, Utah, and Nevada on holiday in October.

Dale (WAØCFQ) visited Orlando and Key West in September. He will be visiting relatives on the West coast in December. Welcome to new member Jim (AC4EA) who checked into the nets for the first time on October 10.

Bill (N7MNT) worked AF2K and WA6FXL from his maritime mobile location in the Gulf of Mexico just after clearing the Panama Canal on October 17.

Congratulations to Art Anderson (KBØ???) who just passed his Novice test and is awaiting his callsign. Art lives in Denver and he is eager to get on the air.

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Serves Phila. metro area including S. Jersey, N. Delaware, and Maryland.
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Note: Chapter presently inactive.

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or contact:

Dave (KE2GE)
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Henrietta, NY 14467
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Golden Gate Chapter

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Serves San Francisco Bay area. Meetings monthly on 2nd Thursday at 8 PM. Dues are \$10 per year. Note: Additional social events are frequently scheduled.

Hollywood Chapter

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Serves southern California. Meetings are monthly on weekends on announced schedule. No dues. Note: Field trips and outings are often scheduled.

Don (WB6LYI) and his life partner Norm are in the process of opening a thrift store to benefit AIDS organizations in the Long Beach area. According to Don, "The AIDS Assistance Thrift Store has been created in response to local community needs. The Thrift Store generates urgently needed funds through the sale of donated items and other fund-raising efforts. These funds are then awarded as grants to local community organizations who offer services and support to men, women and children living with AIDS."

Jerry (N4JB) writes "Since I love ham radio so much I have always dreamed of a close relationship with another ham operator. To me that would truly fulfill my utmost dreams in this life. ...I believe it would be to the advantage of all members to have a personals section in

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the newsletter. Vast distances are very close on ham radio and relationships could be cultivated through communication." Jerry and his brother have started a company to manufacture antennas. The name of the company is Antenna Dimensions. Look for their ads in CQ magazine.

The current packet address for Tomas in Sweden is:
SM6MLB @ SK6LK.P.SWE.EU.
James' (G4ILW) current packet routing is G4ILW @ SK6SA.

NOTICE

New Procedure for Local Chapters to Obtain Discount LARC Membership

Beginning with the dues for 1992, a new procedure will make it easier for members to pay their dues to their local LARC Chapters and still receive the 50% discount on LARC International membership.

Simply pay your 50% discount LARC International dues at the same time you pay your local dues.

It is the responsibility of the local chapter to remit dues to LARC International. The local chapter only needs to show the full name, LARC member number, and callsign of each of its local members who are paying their dues in LARC International. Please remit \$7.50 for each person listed.

Be sure to check the appropriate box on your renewal form. **DO NOT** send your renewal form to your local chapter to be forwarded ... check the correct box and send it without payment. This way, we'll know what to expect from the local chapters, and can double-check each renewal.

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By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

LARC Secretary Philip (WD4IJV) Meets with ARRL Director Kanode

LARC Secretary Philip (WD4IJV) met with ARRL Roanoke Division Director John Kanode (N4MM) at the Asheville, NC Hamfest on July 28, 1991. Philip asked Kanode about the LARC ad controversy which resulted when the League refused to continue to run an ad for LARC after the ad was published for one month in the November, 1985 issue of QST. According to Philip, Kanode "knew instantly" about LARC. While Kanode stated that he was not aware of the wording of the ad, he told Philip that the decision relative to the ad was not up to the Directors, rather it rested with the Advertising Manager Brad Thomas (KC1EX). Kanode implied that Directors do not make such decisions since headquarters staff is supposed to make them. Kanode suggested that LARC include copies of our 73 Amateur Radio and Radio Fun adds when we re-submit our ad to QST. Philip feels that, while Kanode was "very helpful and responsive," he was also attempting to "pass the buck" back to headquarters staff.

HF Propagation Improving As Fall Approaches

Conditions on HF are generally poor during the summer as we all know, but we have had surprisingly good propagation for our nets as late summer continues and fall approaches. On August 11, LARC stateside members met on 20 and 15 meters and there were at least 13 check-ins including: KI4ZN; WA4ASJ;

WD4IJV; AF2K; N5MVI; W6/G4JKE; KJ6XH; WA6FXL; WB6YYZ; KK6JD; WB5MEI; WA6MXR and N2CJM. On Sunday August 25, transatlantic propagation supported contacts between stateside LARC members AF2K, KI4ZN and KK3K with LARC UK member Brian(GMØKWL) on both 10 and 15 meters. Later that same day at least eight LARC members checked into the 20 and 15 meter stateside nets on 20 and 15 meters. Early indications are that the current sunspot cycle, while declining, will continue to offer us excellent HF propagation opportunities this fall.

Chapter News

The Finger Lakes Chapter (Rochester, NY) had a picnic at the QTH of Irv (AF2K) on Friday, August 23, 1991. Irv reports that the WX was good and a good time was had by all who attended.

The Golden Gate Chapter of the Lambda Amateur Radio Club put in a strong presence at the 1991 (San Francisco) Gay Pride parade on Sunday, June 30th. It was a weather-perfect day at the San Francisco Civic Center as perhaps 500,000 people attended the parade and visited the many booths representing many gay oriented organizations. This year's parade was very up-beat, reflecting our recent political and social gains. [From the August, 1991 issue of the GGC newsletter, editor John, W6BM] GGC member Don (W6DBZ) took snapshots of the modular booth constructed by GGC members which they can re-use at various street fairs and festivals. Don says that both San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos and the Chief of Police rode in the parade.

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Three Weeks in Mainland China

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

Our vacation this year to China was fascinating. We flew from Philadelphia to Detroit, to Tokyo, to Shanghai. It took 29 hours to get to Shanghai. We quickly discovered that China is a paradox; in many ways it is primitive but in many ways it is a modern, bustling, energetic, prosperous country. It depends on where you are, city or country. Our hotels were impressive, especially in Shanghai, Beijing and the other large cities. These were large, elegant five star "joint venture" hotels built with western capital and run with western style comfort in mind. Everything in China is on the grand scale. There are no small cities. We visited cities I never even heard of that have a population of 13 or 14 million! Chinese food is different from Chinese-American food. It's tastier. It is much oilier. They use rape seed oil to cook everything. It can also be very hot and spicy depending on where you are in China.

We toured Shanghai with its western style colonial period architecture, busy port and millions of bicycles. Then we flew to Beijing and toured the Forbidden City, Mao's tomb, Tiananmen Square, saw the pandas at the zoo, and marvelled at the modern Chinese metropolis. We also walked about and visited typical Chinese neighborhoods near our hotel. We were struck by the abundance of food, especially vegetables. This was different from Russia where food is scarce, there are no vegetables and people wait in lines. Another difference from Russia was that we were free to go and do just about anything and photograph at

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President's Key

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

President, LARC

I usually don't bother to take a 2 meter FM rig with me when we drive out of town for an overnight stay or for a longer period of time. I don't operate via FM repeaters because I don't find that I have much in common with the folks on most of them. I get bored pretty quickly with the chit chat about the wife and kids and all that sort of stuff. On our last vacation, however, I decided to take along the two meter rig because we would be driving up to P-Town and I would need it to get in touch with LARCers Wendy (KB1AF) and Nick (KA1MQX) when I got there. I figured it also wouldn't hurt to have two meter capability in case of an emergency on the road.

On the way back home we were driving down I-95 in Connecticut. We wanted to catch a ferry in Bridgeport to take us over to Long Island but we didn't know the ferry schedule. Here, I thought, was a perfect opportunity to demonstrate how useful ham radio is to my lover Dan. I figured I'd get on an area repeater and ask someone to make a quick call to the ferry company and get the departure times for the next ferry. When I got within about a half hour or so from Bridgeport, I called in on the repeaters listed for the area. I had trouble finding anyone on several machines I tried. Finally, I got hold of a ham on a machine with full quieting. I explained what info we needed and I asked this guy if he would mind making the call and helping us out. "Sorry, but that's a two local-zone toll call for me. You'd be better off getting someone on a closer repeater". Dan looked at me and smirked. I told the guy "Thanks a lot" and I QSYed to try to find someone on the other machines. I had no luck. Yessirree, ham radio sure came through for me when I needed it and helped me prove to my lover just how useful it can be. He thinks it's just a big boys toy, you see. Maybe he's right. What would you do if someone from out of town asked you for help on a repeater? Would you make a sixty-cent phone call for him and try to be helpful? Why spend thousands of dollars on radio equipment and invest time in effort in becoming a ham, only to rag chew about the wife and kids on two meters? You can do that on the telephone for a hell of a lot less money and effort. Do I sound annoyed at this jerk? Yea, I'm annoyed. What incentive do I have to take along the rig the next time I travel? How do I prove the usefulness of ham radio to my lover after this incident? de KK3K

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Member Correspondence

The new packet address for UK Chapter member James (G4ILW) is G4ILW @ GB7PLX.UK.EU.

The packet address for John (AA2DY, formerly N2JFD) is AA2DY @ WB2COY.NY.USA.NA.

Dallas Chapter member Vic (WB5MEI) has returned from his first trip to Europe. Vic met James (G4ILW) in London before travelling on to the continent.

Tom (KI4ZN) has also returned from Europe. Tom especially enjoyed Berlin with its wide, tree-lined streets and sidewalk cafes. Tom's partner Dick had to cut short his trip and return home early due to health problems but he's doing much better now according to Tom.

Larry (WB9LOZ) and Bill (K9AT) also spent time in Europe this summer.

Art (N5MVI) is enjoying his new Kenwood TS-450S with DSP. Art will be visiting the gang in San Francisco in September.

LARC Secretary Philip (WD4IJV) has asked officials at the Southeastern Repeater Journal to run the LARC ad. He is awaiting a response. Philip met the editor of the SRJ and was told that it would be a controversial decision. Philip offered to meet with them to answer their questions. Philip's partner Ernest is busy making inquiries in order to find a better restaurant in Dayton for the LARC banquet next year. Philip is also busy as a VE giving exams at two different locations every couple of weeks or so.

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Three Weeks in Mainland China

will. No one seemed to care. The guides went out of their way to be apologetic for the hard line government's crack down on the students two years ago. They told us that things will change for the better but that it will take time. Our guide in Beijing was very openly unenthusiastic about the government's behavior.

They are very pro-American, actually. One thing we learned is that the way to deal with the Chinese is not to cut them out by isolating them. Why? Because they don't need us anyway. A better way is to engage them and nudge them toward democratization. The people are wonderful and this country will be of the greatest importance in the future. It would be wisest for us to find a way to work with them while at the same time pressuring them toward democratic reform. If we're arrogant, we'll only hurt ourselves.

From Beijing we took a short bus ride to climb the great wall, the only man made structure that the astronauts could see from the moon. It is a spectacular sight to see the wall wind its way up and down the mountains. How could they have constructed the wall so long ago? We were tired from just climbing it, imagine how hard it must have been to carry all of those huge stones such a distance up into the mountains. We then

flew to Xian in central China to see the great buried terracotta army figures. Another unbelievable sight. So much of the army remains to be excavated. The Chinese will be working on this project for decades.

We then took a five day cruise on the mighty Yangtze river. The scenery is fantastic. We saw the three great gorges and stopped at many points along the river to visit shrines and see the sights. The cruise was relaxing and fun and the food on board was great.

After the cruise, we flew to Southern China to Guilin to see the amazing karst rock formations that are depicted in Chinese paintings over the centuries. We took a half day cruise on the Li River and enjoyed the breathtaking beauty of Southern China.

Our final stop was Hong Kong, which is a wonderful, modern city as exciting or even more so than New York or Tokyo. We took the tram to the top of Victoria Peak our first night to see Hong Kong illuminated at night. We toured Hong Kong Island and took the ferry to Kowloon several times. We had "high tea" at one of the fashionable hotels in Kowloon overlooking Hong Kong central on the last day of our trip. All in all, it was a fascinating adventure to one of the world's great countries!

Super-OSCAR on the Way!

by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

Amateurs interested in satellite communications got some disturbing news earlier this year: Oscar 13's orbit may be decaying faster than expected and its life could come to a fiery end with an early re-entry in just a few short years. Our only other semi-geostationary bird, Oscar 10, was previously damaged by radiation and functioning only part of the time with its antennas pointing out into space. Satellite ops became worried that they would be left without a means of long duration communications. Our other hamsats, including the microsats, are all low-earth orbiters (LEOs) which are good only for short passes which normally last up to a maximum of about 20 minutes at a time. By contrast, several hour rag chews on Oscar 13 are common. However, now comes the good news we've all been waiting for: the next elliptical orbit hamsat now has a launch lot on an Ariane-5 flight by the European Space Agency slated for October, 1995. Oscar 13 should last until then or longer. In the meantime, the

various AMSATS in Germany, the UK, South Africa, Japan, the United States and elsewhere are now designing various components for the new "super oscar". Why super? Because the new bird will be physically much bigger than its predecessors Oscar 10 and Oscar 13. It will have high gain antennas and much more output power. Its orbit will be fine tuned to give reliable and regular 16 hour a day access times to the US, Europe and the far East. It will have an on-board "alligator-killer" which will notch out ground stations running to much power (don't you wish you could do that on 20 meters?). Finally, it may incorporate a "matrix" of communications links instead of linear transponders. This would allow simultaneous uplinks and downlinks on several bands at one time. No matter what equipment you have for satellite, you'll likely be able to use the new bird if this concept is incorporated.

So what does all of this mean to the ham who is not currently on the satellites? It means that now is the time to

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set up your satellite station. While conditions on HF are deteriorating with the decline of the current sunspot cycle, satellite operators are currently enjoying rock solid reliable worldwide communications on Oscar 13. And, with the new "super OSCAR" set to fly in 1995, we'll have superior ham satellite availability well into the 21st century!

It's not too late to get in on the ground floor on all of this. There are relatively few hams with satellite stations. The ARRL just issued Satellite DXCC #62! When a DXpedition goes to a country that has never been on the satellite before, the operator may log only two or three hundred contacts! Yet Oscar 13 is alive and bristling with stations from the US, Europe and Japan, and there's plenty of rag-chewing, DX, or technical talk. So don't delay. Get into the swing of amateur satellite operating now and be ready for the new "super OSCAR"!

HF 10 Meter FM

By Phil Jenkins (WD4IJV, Fairview, NC)

LARC Secretary

"There's a new one on." Whether you're on HF or 2 meters, the first question is "where's he/it at?" The next is invariably "what frequency?" Then we rush over to see if we can work the new one.

Well, there's a new one on. Imagine the luxury of an FM signal on HF. Add the whipped cream (no pun intended) of a repeater and you have a lot of fun — the only variables being 10M propagation and normal HF fading. Yep, 10M FM. I am continually surprised by all the old timers who don't know there's a repeater sub-band on 10M: 29.5 to 29.7 MHz. The ARRL bandplan is pretty standard throughout the US. It calls for 4 repeater pairs (splits are 100 khz down): 29.52(T)/29.62(R), 29.54/29.64, 29.56/29.66, and 29.58/29.68. The ARRL recommends voluntary use of CTCSS tones, although there are plenty of machines with open access, varying with call area. Usually the local/regional VHF/UHF coordinator will coordinate 10M repeaters.

What about simplex?

What about simplex? 29.6 Mhz is the designated national calling frequency. However you will hear 3 things on 29.6:

1) This channel is a calling frequency. The idea is like 146.52 — establish contact and move off to another frequency. However you will hear lengthy ragchews here — I'm guilty of it myself. If you move, choose frequencies carefully, keeping in mind how wide your signal is. I can generally hear repeaters up to plus and minus 10 khz from their center frequency, with intelligible audio up to 5 khz away. I have heard stations move below 29.5 to ragchew. This is a no-no; these are satellite downlink frequencies! Granted, they are not always busy, but it is just common amateur courtesy not to interfere. How would you like to be on the bird when suddenly a 10 khz wide FM signal appears where you're listening? Neither do you want to choose a repeater input (one thing you'll notice in listening to repeaters is that sometimes you'll hear the transmitting station better on the input than through the repeater — if you hear the repeater at all!). I would avoid outputs too. Even if you're not hearing a repeater, you may be interfering

with someone who does. Granted, there isn't much choice for simplex ragchew. If you don't hear anybody on 29.6, call CQ. It's like HF — some people are shy.

2) I have heard repeaters with an output on 29.6 (29.5 input) — although the ARRL repeater directory doesn't list any. These are *rara avis* — and not a good idea. It would be like a 2M repeater with an output on 146.52!

3) Remote bases also appear on 29.6. You are operating simplex — the remote base picks up your signal and links it to 2, 220, 440, or whatever. There is a nice RB in N. Miami Beach linked to a 2M repeater. I have driven around Asheville on 10M and talked to a guy in Ft. Lauderdale on the 2M side. As a general rule, you won't hear the other stations working 10M through the RB. It's like a simplex QSO, only the other guy is on another band! Unfortunately, RBs are not always listed in repeater directories and are not always linked up to their VHF machines. So listen — the operator will usually say he's working through an RB on a certain band.

Ten meter repeaters are also sometimes linked to other bands. I worked a station in Bristol VA (about 60 miles airline) the hard way — we were talking through W1OJ, a Boston MA repeater! A station in Cambridge joined in — he was on the 440 side of the link, which also accessed 2M. It was neat!

You may be ready already!

Many of the "newfangled" HF rigs have FM built-in and many offer CTCSS as an option. I have an ICOM 735 without CTCSS and find I can generally work something anyway when the band is open. You will hear some strong repeaters that you won't be able to work. It may be one way skip but it is more likely that the machines are tone accessed. Most directories will list the necessary tones. The 10M all mode rigs that appeared with Novice Enhancement all have FM, but usually at a 10 to 25 watt level, as opposed to a standard HF rig at 100 watts. The former do great for the most part and they are easier to run mobile (smaller size) than an HF rig. They should come with a standard offset (like the 600 khz on 2M rigs). That is not true for the lower end HF rigs like mine.

While it has 2 VFOs and a split switch (to use one VFO on transmit and the other on receive), I haven't found any way to make them master and slave (no pun intended). So I have to retune both if I change repeaters. The upper end rigs like the Kenwood TS940 and the Icom 751 may have provisions for doing this.

Antenna polarization can make a difference!

10M repeaters may have either horizontal or vertical polarization. While it is thought that polarization is not critical on HF because of the way that radio waves scatter on the ionosphere, I have detected noticeable differences in noise and signal strength — to my ear, anyway — when listening on a vertically versus horizontally polarized antenna. The vertical is an 8 foot whip on my car and it seems to do better on receive than my tuned 140 foot long wire. I have not done enough experimentation on transmit to notice a difference. It would be interesting to compare horizontal transmit polarizations with vertical polarizations to their respective polarizations on receive. It is difficult to know which a repeater uses. The majority probably use vertical, although there are machines that use 4 horizontal yagis mounted north, south, east, and west.

I am sure that all 10M repeaters must use split sites. The cavities for 6M are nearly 7 feet tall, so it is inconceivable to use duplexers on 10. Remote bases are different as they are never transmitting and receiving at the same time so the same antenna can be used.

FM seems to get through better than SSB up until the band closes. I assume this is for 2 reasons:

1) FM has a higher PEP than SSB. For instance, when I transmit FM, I'm running 100 watts even on voice valleys as opposed to 50-60 watts on SSB peaks.

2) The capture effect, making FM less susceptible to interference. FM is already inherently less noisy than SSB.

I encourage you to try a high audio quality mode with long distance possibilities. Have fun!

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Net Newsbits

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

LARC Ad To Run In CQ Magazine

CQ Magazine has accepted LARC's classified ad submitted to them in May. It will appear in the October issue of CQ. No reason was given by CQ for the delay in publication. The LARC Executive Committee voted to submit an advertisement for the club to CQ Magazine when LARC Officers met at the Dayton Hamvention in April.

The ad was submitted to CQ by club Treasurer Tom (KI4ZN) in May. Tom reports that CQ immediately cashed LARC's check and the club has received no notification since that time regarding the ad copy. The publication of LARC's ad in CQ is highly significant since it would leave only one major amateur radio publication, QST published by the ARRL, that has refused to carry LARC's advertisement. LARC President Jim (KK3K) plans to re-submit LARC's ad to the ARRL later this year.

Chapter News

Dave Minchella (KE2GE), who keeps activities humming for the Finger Lakes Chapter in the Rochester, NY area, reports that the info table that the Chapter sponsored at this year's gay and lesbian community picnic was a success. Two people signed up and much literature was distributed. Other Chapter activities recently included attendance at a classical music concert, bicycling, and a trip to a nearby Antique Wireless Museum. Future planned activities include organizing a display at the Pink Flamingos Gay Convention in Rochester and a trip to the Strong Museum's display of old radios called "Radio Daze!". The Chapter has an

unofficial 2 meter simplex frequency and monthly dinners. They are considering participating in next year's field day activities. Dave also runs a blurb about the Club in The Empty Closet, the Rochester gay and lesbian newspaper with his phone number in it so that interested potential members can contact him direct for information. Dave is doing a great job as unofficial coordinator of the Finger Lakes Chapter and he is a credit to the Chapter and to LARC International. Thanks for your efforts, Dave, and keep up the fine work!

The Golden Gate Chapter toured the studio's of KGO-TV in May. Members were impressed and there was talk and interest generated in ATV. The Bike-A-Thon effort in May was a success with the person in charge telling Chapter members how important the communications work of the Chapter was for the overall functioning and control of the event. The Chapter participated in the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day parade with a booth on June 30. Forty people signed up for information at the booth. Kit (WB6QVU) sent out a complimentary copy of the Chapter's newsletter, an ARRL brochure, and a membership application to all who requested information about LARC. A picnic was slated for July 13 and a calendar of meeting and social outing dates thru October was prepared by John (W6BM).

New Members

Welcome to the following new members of LARC: Al Campbell (VE3AHH), Toronto; Mark Bradshaw (KJ4WY), Valdese, NC; Ralph Cummings (N6GXS), Santa Fe Springs,

Return to Berlin

By Charles Reavis (K9PVS/5, Dallas, TX)

I flew to Berlin on August 11, 1991. It was my fifth visit to my favorite city in Europe and my first since "The Wall" came down.

Shortly after I checked in to my room, I headed for the Brandenburg Gate. I took my favorite foot route through the Tiergarten, going past the Siegessäule or "Victory Column." This wonderfully tasteless tower has a gold statue of "Miss Victory" at the top. It was built to commemorate Bismarck's military successes which led to the first unification of Germany back in 1871. "Siegessäule" is also the name of the Berlin gay magazine.

Walking further on down, I encountered the Soviet War Memorial which, until the fall of the communist regime, was off-limits even though it was in West Berlin. Soviet soldiers guarded the monument and West German soldiers guarded them. The general public could only see the monument from across the street. Now, you may enter it and puzzle out the Cyrillic inscriptions.

Just about a hundred meters away is the Brandenburg Gate. When I got close enough to actually see that The Wall was not there, my heart stopped. It was one thing to see it on TV and quite a different story to be there.

The street on both sides of the Gate are closed to traffic and pedestrians may mingle freely. There were a lot of street vendors hawking memorabilia. Also, there were street musicians and ice cream wagons. It had a marvelous holiday feeling!

When I reached out and actually touched the Brandenburg Gate I nearly lost it. It was perhaps the most intensely

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President's Key

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

President, LARC

Here it is, July 16 and it's 90 degrees plus as I sit in my (thankfully) air-conditioned shack and write this. It's summertime and conditions on HF have been pretty lousy when I've been around to check them out. I was home last Sunday and I tried listening and calling for other LARC members on our regular skeds, but no luck. I'm a beach and "fun in the sun" person, so I'm usually not around much during summer weekends anyway. I know that conditions will improve on HF in the fall, and our nets will continue and be lots of fun during the fall and on into the winter months. In the meantime, however, I think I'll just go swimming and guy-watching at the gay beach!

The other day I got to wondering again what ever happened to my old high school ham acquaintance Frank, who I haven't seen in 29 years. When I was 13 and a freshman in high school, I joined the radio club. Yes, high schools actually used to have radio clubs. Frank was a year ahead of me in school, but more important, he was already a General class ham! Wow! My first exposure to the hobby came thanks to Frank who used to fire up the old boat anchors and demonstrate ham radio QSOs for me. I didn't remain in the radio club because I was too busy studying and learning to play the trombone. I didn't get my ticket until years later. Now I play the radio and the trombone sits in the closet. Somehow I'm convinced I made the wrong choice back in high school. Anyway, back to Frank. I put a notice up on packet asking if anyone knew him. I got some help from a packet sysop with a CD ROM callbook. Frank was difficult to find because his last name is weird and I was unsure of the spelling. The helpful sysop gave me a list of possibilities and I was sure I had again found Frank who had relocated to New York state. I sent him a letter and he phoned me in return. Yes, he was the same Frank I had known in high school and wasn't it great to re-establish contact after 29 years! Tonight we have a sked on 40 meters. I'm looking forward to it. Tomorrow I'll go swimming! de KK3K

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Member Correspondence

Finger Lakes Chapter member "Doc" (N2IKR) is a regular check-in to the East coast nets on Thursday and Sunday evenings. "Doc" started in ham radio about three years ago. He is currently Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Madison County in charge of Packet and training nets. He is also a very active traffic handler. He recently upgraded to General Class and should have his Advanced Class ticket very soon. "Doc" also plans to get a Basic Canadian Amateur Radio License with the 12 wpm endorsement. Some of "Doc's" other interests include computer programming, telecommunications and short wave listening. He also enjoys reading science fiction, fantasy, and gay literature/history. He is also interested in war games, Advanced Dungeons & Dragons, Traveller, Star Fleet Battles and other games.

It Can't Be True ...

This clipping was sent in by Philip Jenkins (KD4IJV) near Asheville, NC. He asks that we NOT confuse our own Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI), LARC VP, with the Rev. Bledsoe ... "The Little Man with the Big God!" (So that's what they're calling it now.)

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Return to Berlin

wonderful emotional moment of my life. Up until November 9, 1989, it was impossible for anyone to get closer than 100 meters to the Gate. Now it is freely accessible to anyone.

Most of the Wall is gone. Stretched barbed wire of 50 to 100 meters in length are still up in spots and the intention is that these sections will be permanent memorials. The path of the Wall is now a bike and pedestrian trail.

East Berlin used to be drab and depressing. Now, although it still looks shabby and run down, there is a new spirit. The East Germans who were locked up in their own country are more than willing to share their true feelings with anyone, including foreigners.

Near the Alexanderplatz, there are statues of Marx and Engels. I saw two items of graffiti on the pedestal. They read, "It's our fault." and "We're sorry."

There is another Soviet War Memorial located in the suburb of Treptow. Five thousand Soviet soldiers who fought in the liberation of Berlin are buried there. The memorial is dominated by a statue of a Soviet soldier holding a German child and crushing the swastika under his feet. In that conflict, one tyranny destroyed another. In the week after I returned to the U.S., the Russian people finally finished the job and destroyed the other tyranny.

With the exception of the virulent homophobia of the Nazi era, Germany has been reasonably tolerant of gays. East Germany was one of the few communist governments that didn't persecute gays. The Berlin of Auden and Isherwood is still there if you know where to look. I had a good time at "Andreas Kneipe" (Andy's Bar) on Ansbacherstrasse in West Berlin. The gays there were friendly. I found the conversation far less superficial than what I am accustomed to in Dallas bars.

Probably the most unpopular museum in Berlin in the "Deutsches Rundfunk Museum" (German Radio Museum) located near the "Funkturn" (Radio Tower). The Funkturn looks like a shorter version of the Eiffel Tower and was the transmitting site for the first televised Olympics in 1936. I was the only visitor in the museum and the staff seemed genuinely surprised that anyone came in. They have a fascinating

collection of pre-war TV sets, including scanning disc models. There are also vintage radios, early audio and video tape machines, microphones, and so on. The exhibit is well documented but only in German. I spent some time listening to tapes of Hitler and Goebbels. There were not only screaming tirades that we usually see and hear; instead, they were radio addresses to the German people. Hitler especially sounded sane, fatherly, and reasonable. It reminded me just a little too much of Pat Robertson.

Unification has put a tremendous strain on the public transportation system. The Berlin S and U Bahn system has become much more complex. Still, for \$6 I could buy a ticket giving me unlimited rides for 24 hours. Many of the eastern stations were dirty, with broken windows, graffiti, and trash everywhere. The train cars were often old, dirty, and covered with graffiti.

I stood in line for two hours waiting to buy a ticket to Dresden. I gave up when the train had left and there were still four people ahead of me in line. And I had picked the shortest line.

Still, I was able to go to Potsdam, Bernau, and Erkner. Here I saw just how much work needs to be done to bring East Germany up to modern standards. The communists neglected everything they could get away with. Restoring historical buildings and street maintenance were very low priorities. The party bigwigs lived in luxury at the expense of everyone else. By far the nicest word I heard used to describe the old government was "Verbrechern" (criminals).

The streets were full of Trabant cars. It's probably the worst motor vehicle I've ever seen. I think a new one in perfect condition might be worth about \$300. The sound of a Trabant being started has to be heard to be believed. The whine of the transmission is also startling. It belches out clouds of black smoke. East Germans used to wait ten years to buy one.

Most of my time was spent simply walking the streets and indulging my fantasy of actually living there. Graffiti used to be practically non-existent in Germany. Now, there's a lot of it and I was gratified to see that most of it expresses anti-Nazi, pro-freedom sentiments. There are neo-Nazi groups in the East and they make a lot of noise. I think the chances of a Nazi return to

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schedule. No dues. Note: Field trips and outings are often scheduled.

power in Germany are minuscule. If anything, the Germans tend to over-react to anything that even remotely seems Nazi. I wish I could say the same about my country. Americans are applauding the rise of freedom in eastern Europe and the Soviet Union and seem oblivious to the loss of freedom here at home.

Sunday, August 18, brought the end of my journey. After what seemed and interminable flight from Frankfurt, I was met at Dallas-Fort Worth Airport by LARC members Art (N5MVI) and Vic (WB5MEI). I'm already looking forward to the next time.

Not in the LARC Chapter Directory?

To list information about your local LARC chapter, refer to the May-June issue of LNN on page 7. Send in the information and it will appear on these pages in each issue of the LNN.

Operating on OSCAR 13 Is Different than on HF

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

I have so much fun with my satellite station that it is literally on (computer tracking program booted while I listen to the downlink passband) all the time when I'm home. The guys on the bird are like a club. There's a DX "clan," unofficial net and an unofficial DX alert frequency of 145.890. You can check in and chat with the "regulars" or get QSL and "who's going to be on and when" info. There's another group that hangs out on 145.94. The resident "gurus" of Oscar 13 include John Fail (KL7GRF), the DX king who can be found on 145.890, and Rex (G4JUU) from England who can usually be found on 145.94. These and a few other ops must be independently wealthy and have very understanding spouses because they're always, and I mean always, on the bird. They've invested much time, effort and money into their stations because their signals are the best on the bird. They're always willing to help out with technical advice and recommendations, or just rag chew about DX or satellites. They're all friendly but also great cut ups. In addition, Rex is either an insomniac or a vampire because he can be

found on the bird well into the wee hours every night, sometimes until daybreak, his time. I mainly listen in or ask for DX or other info and then work my own stateside and DX for myself on other frequencies. It is a totally different world from HF. You get to hear and talk to familiar voices from around the world. For example, I've made three contacts in the Philippines over the past year, all with the same operator. He was glad to get news from the Philadelphia area from me since he will be returning to this area soon. So you can get to know folks and have meaningful conversations and repeat conversations.

Well, enough of my sales pitch for this month. I'm sure I'm already sounding like a broken record on this satellite stuff but I don't want any of my friends to miss out on this. There are guys on the bird who have actually said that they **DO NOT** tell others how much fun it is because they don't want to "ruin it" by having too many stations on OSCAR 13. That is selfish but I can understand it a little. But, don't you miss out on the fun! Now is the time to get on OSCAR 13!

Hollywood Chapter Tour is Success

By Art Bretz (KC6TAD, Hollywood, CA)

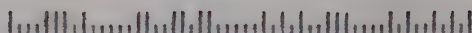
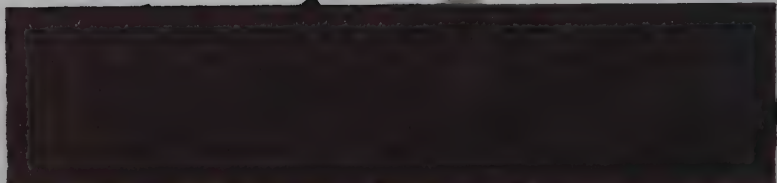
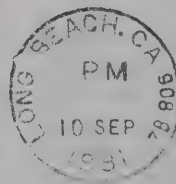
What was already an exciting excursion and picnic on top of Mt. Wilson turned into an experience worthy of the most mind-bending computer adventure game. When the gates in the barbed wire topped fences surrounding the towers swung open just for us, I knew the world of mere mortals was being left behind — we were actually entering into the mountain!

Thanks to our "Grand LARC Wizards," Rick, Bob, Lyle and Don, we swept past the RFI "dragons" and were guided through a "secret" world of locked passages and dark narrow stairways to the partitioned rooms containing the very blinking, pulsating, humming heart and soul of Mt. Wilson itself.

To view first-hand the complexity and wealth of skills necessary to hold L.A.'s fragile communications infrastructure in place was incredible. This was a totally unexpected and unforgettable part of an already awesome trip. I can't thank all of you enough for making membership in LARC so enjoyable!

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Net Newsbits

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

LARC Pile-Up On 15 Meters for K7OO Special Event

HF Propagation was excellent on Sunday, May 19 on 15 meters for the Hollywood Chapter's special event station from the site of the Long Beach Gay Pride Festival. At 1530 Zulu, K7OO with operators Bob (WB6YYZ); Don (WB6LYI); Mike (KC6MWB) and Rick (K6VE) worked all of the LARC stations who were hearing K7OO including: KCØK; KI4ZN; AA1Z/7; WAØCFQ; N6PUV; WB5MEI; N5MVI; N7MNT; W9HRQ; K9PVS/5; and N4YZA/mobile. K7OO operator Bob (WB6YYZ) did a great job working the pile-up that developed when LARC members checked into the net and called K7OO to work the special event station. QSL information for those who worked K7OO is: #10 business sized S.A.S.E (with \$.29 postage affixed) and your QSL card to LARC, POB 91299, Long Beach, CA 90809.

New Ham Magazine

Carries LARC Ad

The premier issue of Radio Fun, a new ham radio magazine that bills itself as "The beginners guide to the exciting world of amateur radio" includes the LARC ad copy exactly as it appears in 73 Amateur Radio magazine. The ad appears in the "flea market" section on page 29. Radio Fun is published in New Hampshire by WGE Publishing, Inc., who also publish 73 Amateur Radio. According to publisher Wayne Green (W2NSD/1), the premier issue of the new magazine will be sent free of charge to all new amateur radio licensees throughout the coming months. The magazine will

begin publishing regular monthly issues in the fall. A charter subscription costs \$9.97 for 12 months. Order from: Radio Fun, Forest Road, Hancock, NH 03449.

LARC Ad Submitted to CQ Magazine

The LARC Executive Committee voted to submit an advertisement for the club to CQ Magazine. The ad was submitted to CQ by club Treasurer Tom (KI4ZN) in May. In addition, LARC President Jim (KK3K) has been in contact with advertising representatives for both 73 Amateur Radio and Radio Fun and has renewed the club's ads in both publications.

Chapter News

The Golden Gate Chapter was busy on May 11 providing communications for the Different Spokes Bike-A-Thon, which has raised over a million dollars for various AIDS organizations. On June 8 & 9, the GGC will participate in the San Jose Freedom Day event, and on June 30, the San Francisco Freedom Day event. A LARC GGC picnic is set for July 13.

The Hollywood Chapter was busy on the weekend of May 18 & 19 with their special event station operating from the site of the Long Beach Gay Pride Festival. The special event station, using the callsign K7OO, consisted of three rigs: one dedicated to 40, 20 and 15 meters; one on 10 meters only; and one on 2 meter packet to handle NTS message traffic. In all, about 30 NTS messages were originated during the festival.

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What You Will Do When Cycle 22 Wanes - Part II

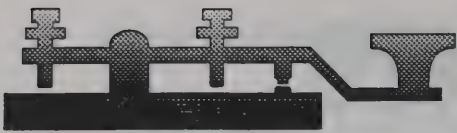
By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

(Excerpted from a presentation before the Temple University Amateur Radio Club — Fall 1990)

I'll bet you didn't notice that I changed two words around in the title of this article since last month's first installment. Read the title again, because I'm confident that you will want to get into OSCAR work once you find out that you can do it if you want! Last month I told you about many of the positive aspects of OSCAR work: reliability, uncrowded bands, DX, etc. This month I'd like to talk about one of the perceived negative aspects of satellite work, and hopefully convince you that this need not get in the way of your enjoyment of OSCAR work.

It is said that setting up an OSCAR station is expensive. Well, it can be. But, it doesn't have to be! It all depends on how hot and heavy you get into it. Certainly, you can set up a station for OSCAR 13 for about the same amount of money that you could expect to spend on an HF station. But many hams don't want or can't afford to spend a lot of money on OSCAR rigs on top of their HF equipment investment. The good news for these hams is that they can use transverters, such as the Ten Tec B2510, in conjunction with their HF rigs to work through OSCAR 13. The B2510 is a 2m/70cm satellite transverter that includes a 70cm uplink transmitter and a 2m downlink converter that works with your HF rig. It puts you on OSCAR 13, Mode

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President's Key

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

President, LARC

Wow! What a great time we had in Dayton this year! I couldn't believe that we had a record 42 LARC members, lovers and friends in attendance this year. And, it was the biggest Dayton Hamvention ever, with over 32,700 amateurs hamming it up. You'd never know there was a recession on the way people were out there buying up a storm, myself included. Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves and the weekend just flew by.

The large LARC turnout did put some strain on our ability to keep everyone happy. The management at our hotel, the Econo Lodge, leaves a lot to be desired, and some of the rooms had problems. At some of our informal social gatherings, some of us joked about the hotel managers and I think, went a little too far in making derisive remarks about the ethnic origin of the Econo-Lodge management. They are guilty of poor management to be sure, but we gays and lesbians shouldn't let ourselves fall into the same type of behavior that we dislike in our detractors. I laughed at some of the comments, but I felt bad about doing so later.

Some LARC members were a little unhappy with the service at the restaurant where we had the LARC banquet. I still think they tried hard to accommodate us. If we return to the same restaurant next year, we'll try to get them to improve upon the level of service.

In spite of these minor problems I think everyone had a blast. It is difficult to orchestrate a good time for a large group at an event like Dayton. Luckily, we have several dedicated club members who are willing to work hard at planning and we'll try to do a better job next year. In fact, we've already started work on LARC's accommodations for Hamvention '92! de KK3K

Net Newsbits

Member Correspondence

Regular HF net check-in Derek (G4JKE/W6) has moved from Yuma to El Cajon, CA. after his landlord in Yuma sold the trailer park where Derek had rented. Derek has new accommodations in El Cajon, however he cannot put up antennas, so he visits with LARC member Alan (KJ6XH) and they operate in tandem from Alan's location.

Leonard (KB8DOA) has relocated to Ft. Lauderdale. He missed Dayton this year, but called in to advise the club of his new QTH.

Congratulations to John, formerly N2JFD, now AA2DY, on his upgrade to extra class. John is enjoying DXing in the extra class CW portion of 20 meters.

Norman (KF7IK) has done two DXpeditions to ZL-land and has a permanent Fiji license: 3D2IK. He is planning a trip to Europe this year and hopes to visit the people he met while in Fiji and New Zealand, as well as European LARC members.

Nick (KA1MQX) missed Dayton this year because he wanted to attend the memorial service for a friend who died of AIDS. On a happier note, he spent a relaxing week in P-town in March and took lots of photographs.

Harry (N2CJM) went from Dayton to New York to visit his lover and friends in

the Big Apple. Harry is planning overseas travel to Europe and he's having fun with the Prodigy service.

Keith (KA4PNO) and Leland held a benefit wedding shower honoring Craig Dean and Patrick Gill on May 3rd, with proceeds going to the Equal Marriage Rights Fund. Messrs. Dean and Gill have filed suit against officials in Washington, DC who refused to issue them a marriage license. The Equal Marriage Rights Fund is a non-profit organization engaging in the promotion of, and advocacy of, the legalization of Gay and Lesbian Marriages.

LARC UK member Pete (G4ORX) had his Kawasaki motorcycle stolen earlier this year. He replaced it with a new BMW, but he was sideswiped recently and the new bike was damaged. Luckily, Pete was not seriously harmed. He is waiting for parts from Germany to repair the BMW. Pete may return to London this year for the Gay Pride Parade and Carnival in June. Last year he went down by train in full leathers and he got quite a reaction from the passengers on the train.

Wayne (WA6FXL) advises that his roommate Jay has received his no-code ticket and new call sign KC6UNJ. Congratulations to Jay!

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Membership Roster

Membership rosters are published several times each year and will be inserted into an issue of the LAMBDA NET NEWS. This summarized roster lists basic member information.

If you'd like to receive a highly detailed, in-depth listing of each member, just send a 9" x 12" self-addressed envelope with \$1.90 postage affixed and a custom printed roster will be on its way to you. This way, you can have an updated roster as often as you'd like and LARC will not be sending rosters to anyone who doesn't want one.

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What You Will Do When Cycle 22 Wanes — Part II

B, which is where the action is. I just saw a used one for sale for \$400! Antennas do need to be high gain and are more expensive than their terrestrial counterparts, but many satellite ops home brew their own helix antenna for the 70cm uplink and use an inexpensive yagi for the 2m downlink. Or, you can look around and buy OSCAR antennas for about \$100 used or \$200 new. Combine these with your transverter and HF rig, and you're on the bird! Other expensive components can be eliminated or purchased later. For example, an AZ/EL rotator is very nice, but you can "armstrong" it initially (point the antennas by hand) and buy the rotator later. Remember, once OSCAR 13 gets up in the sky it stays relatively still for long periods at a time. Of course, if you want to spend more money and start out in a more ambitious manner, you can do that too. The point is that you don't necessarily have to spend a ton of money initially to get on OSCAR 13. Keith Berglund (WB5ZDP) makes many

excellent alternative equipment suggestions in his book "A Beginner's Guide To OSCAR 13" that I talked about in last month's article. Get a copy of this book from AMSAT. It is one of the best ham radio publications I have read. It is written clearly and it is easy to understand. It is also fun to read.

If I were "elmering" a new ham today, especially an individual who planned to go for the new no-code Technician class license, I would advise him or her to concentrate on an OSCAR VHF/UHF station, and bypass HF. That's right, I'd tell them to ignore HF! After all, with OSCAR they'll have full voice privileges, reliability, DX, small antennas, less noise, no QRM, the entire band with no excluded segments, and more fun than they can imagine for no more money than they would spend on an HF station! I hereby give you the same advice: join the few in the know on OSCAR and rediscover the fun of amateur radio!

"Together Again For the First Time"

By Larry Kenney (WB9LOZ, San Francisco, CA)

After 14 years together, we have "made it official!"

Perhaps you've heard the news that San Francisco now has established a way for same sex couples to register their relationships. They started it, appropriately, on Valentine's Day, and we went down that day to register. We wanted to do it the first day so we could be a part of the festivities and celebrations.

The registration took about 15 minutes. Considering it was the first day, they were very organized, and there were no lines. We were told 113 couples had come in earlier that day before us, so they were processing about 25 an hour. Before the day was over, 275 couples registered, according to news reports.

They gave us a nice certificate. What with us registering the first day, we suspect in years to come the original will become quite a collector's item. We have to get a frame for it so we can hang it on the wall!

The certificate is attractive. It has printing in black, with the city seal prominently displayed on the left side. The city seal is a light reddish brown color. The certificate also has the seal of the Superior Court pressed into it (like corporate or notary seals where the letters are raised in the paper). We've already had pointed out to us something we had never noticed before—there is a bearded

couple (from gold rush days) in the city seal. Since we both have beards we thought that was neat! We've already had friends point out which one looks like Bill and which one looks like Larry!

At 3 o'clock they held a religious service on the steps of City Hall, on the side facing Civic Center Plaza. This is the same plaza where Golden Gate Chapter has worked Field Day the last three years, in the midst of 200,000 Gay Freedom Day celebrants. A few hundred attended the religious service.

If you enter City Hall and walk to the building's center, you find yourself in a huge domed rotunda, several stories high. The dome is actually higher than the one in the Capitol in Washington. Under the dome there is a 20-foot-wide staircase

which climbs to the second floor, leading to the legislative chambers of the Board of Supervisors.

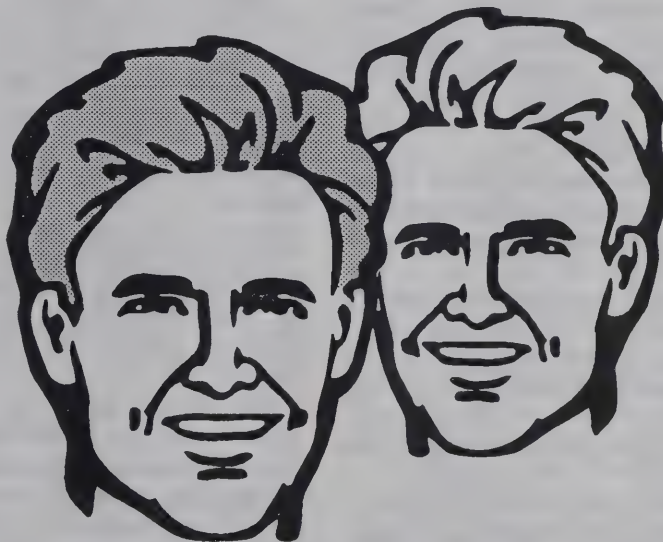
At about 3:40 they had all the couples (there were about 250 in all, or about 500 people), go up to the Supervisors' chambers. From there we came down the wide staircase, one couple at a time, as they called out our names. Several hundred people were standing on the main floor of the rotunda and leaning on the railings of the upper floors, and they would cheer as each couple's names were called. This was a most emotional and uplifting experience. After the procession down the staircase, there were speeches by several

politicians. It all ended at about 5:30.

After that, there was a large reception in the opera house across the street, and the mayor appeared at that, but we didn't go. We'd had enough of the celebrations and found the monthly meeting of LARC Golden Gate Chapter more to our liking. We tend to go to radio club meetings; good things happen there. (It was at a radio club meeting that we met, 14 years ago in Chicago!)

We are really glad we registered on the first day so we could be a part of the celebration. There are only a few times in one's life that you feel like you are part of the making of history. This was one of those times.

Bill (K9AT) and Larry (WB9LOZ)



Minutes of Annual LARC Business Meeting

The annual business meeting of the Lambda Amateur Radio Club was called to order by the President, Jim Kelly (KK3K), at 6:05 pm on Saturday April 27, 1991, in Room 101 of the Econo-Lodge, 2221 Wagoner Ford Road, Dayton, OH.

A moment of silence was observed for Herschel Jackson (WA0MBC), who died of AIDS. Jim (KK3K) eulogized the passing of a "good friend" and very helpful member of the club and noted that he had commented on Herschel's numerous contributions for the club in the Lambda Net News editorials. Jim also mentioned that a San Francisco member, Ken Davis (W6RFN), was suffering from ill health and asked Kit (WB6QVU) to give him our best wishes and thoughts.

The attending officers then introduced themselves: Jim Kelly (KK3K), President; Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI), Vice President and Lambda Net News editor; Philip Jenkins (WD4IJV), Membership Secretary for call areas 4,5, and Ø; and Tom Hendrix (KI4ZN), Treasurer and Awards Program Coordinator.

The following members then introduced themselves: Carolyn Davidson (WA8MWA) and Vicki Jackson; Howard Wyman (W9BVD); Brian DeWitt; Ken Unger (N1HRZ); Bob Laycock (KA8UHL); Dale Clark (WAØCFQ); Dave Frizzell (WD8IKB); Ed Good (WA3NGD) and Thurman Grossnickel; Eric Levinson (N6ZSU); Harry Peterson (N2CJM); John Staples (W6BM); Charlie Dailey (KCØK); Charlie Reavis (K9PVS/5); Charlie Garner (WA4ITY); Dick Stutsman (N9EX); Vic Love (WB5MEI); Gordon Turner (WB5OYL); Duane Durst (K4UW); Steve Rice (N4YZA); Ernest Collins (XYL of WD4IJV); Irv Goodman (AF2K); Bob Nicolai (WØEKM); Roy Farmer (N5KLC) and Norm Billings; Jim Keeth (AF9A); Kit Brown (WB6QVU); and Dick Ramey (OM of KI4ZN). Bob Hunter (NG2P), Art Condra (N5MVI), Joe Ciecorka (KA3UBG) and Scott Robinson, and Roddy Reavis were also in Dayton but not at the meeting.

The raffle prizes were announced. First prize was a Mosley 13-element 2 meter beam, donated by WD4IJV, and second prize was an MFJ artificial ground, given by WB6LYI, both to be given away at the banquet following the business meeting. The raffle netted \$200 for the club.

There is now an LARC banner on each coast, available on request from KK3K or WB6LYI.

The LARC books are in great shape, thanks to KI4ZN. WB6LYI has preserved most of the past newsletters in binders.

The membership thanked W9BVD for arranging housing at Dayton again this year; AF2K for procuring the meeting room; WB6LYI for the color-coordinated badges; and KI4ZN and Dick for the Hospitality Suite.

The following were given kudos for contributing to the newsletter this past year: Larry Kenney (WB9LOZ), for his excellent series on packet; KI4ZN for his article on the Gay Travel Host Program; and Stuart Hill (GØBEV), for his articles on propagation and the British Honor System. Thanks also went out to WAØCFQ, W9BVD, K9PVS/5, James Dingwall (G4ILW), KCØK, and Joseph Costa (N2HGZ) for their efforts.

Special thanks were for those who renewed their membership this year and made an extra contribution.

The banquet is to be held next door at Abbie's Landing at 8 pm after the business meeting. As a standard procedure, a 20% gratuity will be added to each check due to the size of our group.

It was learned Saturday afternoon that there is a security problem at the hotel. (Members were urged not to leave items of value in their car trunks.) Due to this and several other

problems, the Executive Committee will search for other options for housing for next year.

State of the Club

LARC members in England have organized a chapter. They are responsible for LARC in Europe and they have an autonomous dues structure. LARC-US sends them a prototype of our newsletter and they rework it according to their needs and mail it to the members in Europe.

The LARC Executive Committee was recently restructured by the additions of three Membership Secretaries who are each responsible for different call areas. Dave Schwartzberg (WN1U) covers areas 1,2,3,8, and 9; Philip Jenkins (WD4IJV) - areas 4,5, and Ø; and Paul Hulse (KK6JD), areas 6 and 7. KK3K commended these people on their great job of following up on renewals.

Our advertisement in 73 is bringing weekly results. Wayne Green, W2NSD/1, is beginning a new ham magazine — **Radio Fun** — and our ad is in the premier issue. He is planning to mail this magazine to 20,000 new licensees each month. We are thus planning to advertise in both 73 and **Radio Fun**. The Executive Committee is planning to possibly take another shot at QST later this year.

There will be a Special Event Station at the Long Beach Gay and Lesbian Pride Celebration on May 18 & 19. The callsign will be K7OO, operating in the General portions of 40, 20, and 15 and the Novice segment of 10, as well as a packet station. Station location is adjacent to the Queen Mary and Spruce Goose. A special QSL card is available from LARC — Hollywood for a business size SASE. This announcement appeared in 73, CQ, and QST (!!) and was mailed to 30 publications in 14 countries.

There has been 24% increase in membership in the past year — LARC now has 141 active members. Membership numbers are now being issued when renewing or joining. KK3K explained part of the procedures used in screening new applicants.

Our HF nets have gone beyond expectations. There were over 20 check-ins on one net earlier this year. KK3K outlined some procedures to be used on the nets. 1) Write down the callsigns you hear. 2) Ask for additional check-ins when it's your turn to transmit. 3) Keep your transmissions short. The Executive Committee will take a look fine-tuning at net schedules in the next year as it is getting to be a net management problem because of the number of check-ins. However, it is a good problem to have! The West Coast is working England on a pretty regular schedule now. Wayne Busby (WA6FXL) also hangs out on 29.185 and also has begun some 17 meter skeds.

There are now 8 functioning chapters: Hollywood, San Francisco, Washington, Philadelphia, Rochester, St. Louis, Dallas-Ft. Worth, and UK-Europe. Our efforts in visibility have been great with information tables with LARC and ARRL brochures set up in Hollywood, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Dallas, and Rochester. KK3K also recently visited Temple University, also taking some QSL cards and magazines, as well as the LARC banner. He even met a few hams. This is a good opportunity to network with other groups and to get inactive amateurs back into the hobby. WB6QVU is even planning to use the ARRL logo at SF Gay & Lesbian Pride this year!

Minutes of Annual LARC Business Meeting

The newsletter is going extremely well with a superior packet series just ended. Members are invited to submit articles. Several electronic methods are available: Word Perfect 4.2, 5.0, or 5.1, ASCII text files, Microsoft Word, and Compuserve. Material can also be simply written out in long hand or even just an outline will do.

The LARC hotline is also successful. The number is published in all our ads and KK3K reports that there has been virtually no harassment or crank calls.

The lending library is always available and is always looking for donations. If you have upgraded and no longer need your study materials, please consider giving them to the library. KK3K reports that ARRL has replaced "Tune in the World" with the advent of the no-code license and LARC will probably acquire 1 or 2 copies of the new text. Please contact KK3K if you would like to borrow any study guides.

WA3NGD asked about advertising in *The Advocate*. KK3K said that he felt that the ad had been run out and that the place that we could afford to advertise was in the middle of the "sexual goodies." A 2-line ad cost about \$200 a year. N9EX advised that his company had found that advertising in *The Advocate* less often, say, in every third or fourth issue, was more efficient. The Executive Committee will look at this idea. Our 73 ad only costs \$69 annually. WA0CFQ asked about an inquiry we had from Bulgaria. KK3K replied that the guy was simply looking for friends in the West, that he had not realized he had contacted a gay group!

KA8UHL spoke with AA2Z/1, the managing editor of QST, at the ARRL booth and he supports our right to advertise. He said that the ultimate decision was up to the directors and that LARC should work on them.

KK3K and KA8UHL followed up on their previous contacts with Hap Holly (KC9RP) of RAIN (Radio Amateur Information Network), a dial-up service that is also broadcast on shortwave and local repeaters around the Chicago area. He did an updated interview with KK3K and said it should be on in the next 2 or 3 weeks. (The number is 708-299-INFO).

Vice President

WB6LYI said that the roster database is constantly updated and generating a roster is almost completely automated. A summarized roster, with packet routing ID, if known, will be in the newsletter every 3 or 4 months. A more complete roster is available on request: check page 2 of Lambda Net News for details.

WB6LYI also has a database of the gay press, ham press, gay clubs, gay community centers, gay student organizations, and gay social organizations. This information is available to anyone as it was culled from public information. However, membership rosters, or LARC net schedules, are not given to anyone for any reason.

AF2K asked about verifying new callsigns on the nets. KK3K asked about the possibility of membership secretaries assigning membership numbers. WB6LYI replied that his computer does it. The question was sent to the Executive Committee for review and it was decided in the interim that the secretaries should advise new members, when checking in for the first few times, to say "My membership number is ____." That will clue the regular check-ins that the new station is a member of LARC. W0EKM asked "Why not talk to them anyway?" regardless of whether or not they are a member. It was agreed upon that we are hams first — on the air, anyway — and

there was no reason not to let others who might check-in not to feel welcome.

Secretary

WD4IJV gave a brief summary of his duties. He outlined the application procedure for new members from start to finish (with help from WB6LYI) and discussed the procedures used to screen applicants, to verify that they indeed are really interested in LARC, and not out to cause trouble or that someone did not sign them up as a joke or as revenge. KK3K pointed out that there is a minuscule amount of this going on and that perhaps 1 in 300 applications is bogus. This is much, much less than it used to be. Upon the acceptance on a new member, WB6LYI sends them the last few newsletters, a membership roster, and a net schedule. WD4IJV reports that as of the beginning of the year he has received 9 inquires and 2 completed applications, both of whom were accepted as members. WB6LYI said that the other two secretaries have had similar figures.

Treasurer

KI4ZN now has the club books on computer. The balance as of April 27 was \$1888.84.

Resolutions

The only resolution from the chair was to name the following as honorary members of LARC for 1991: Dick Ramey, Ernest Collins, Rich Hilton (with WD8IKB), Thurman Grossnickel, Vicki Jackson, and Norm Billings.

General Discussion

(1) WA3NGD would like to see lovers, gay vacation spots, etc., discussed more openly on the air. KC0K said that straights don't talk much about their personal life on the air, so why should we. KA8UHL stated that the history of the club shows that we are not afraid of come out and let the community know who we are. WB6LYI said that the special events station K7OO will say Gay/Lesbian Pride on the air. N9EX said that the best way to deal with interference, if such occurs, is to never respond, not even to acknowledge the interference existence, to ask for fills and repeats if necessary.

(2) Bob Hamilton (WA0S) sends his greetings via WA0CFQ.

(3) WA0CFQ asked if the 40 meter CW schedule could be changed. There has been no one on there for over a year. It conflicts with the transatlantic schedule for half the year. This net is deleted for now, pending further discussion and fine tuning by the Executive Committee.

The meeting was dismissed at approximately 7:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Philip Jenkins, WD4IJV
Membership Secretary

Addendum

At the banquet there were 38 people present, including some not present at the business meeting. (All are listed above.)

N6ZSU won the 2M beam in the raffle at the banquet, and Roddy Reavis (Dallas) won the artificial ground. \$200 was raised for the club.

KI4ZN, Awards Program Administrator, asked that more members apply for the award. The basic award is for working 5 members, with endorsements for additional stations worked and single mode QSOs.

Record LARC Attendance at Dayton 1991

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

Forty-two LARC members, friends and guests attended the 1991 Dayton Hamvention, the largest LARC contingent to meet at Dayton so far. LARC people at this year's Hamvention were: Bob (KA8UHL), Brian DeWitt, Bob (NG2P), Don (WB6LYI), Eric (N6ZSU), Kit (WB6QVU), Howard (W9BVD), Duane (K4UW), Jim (KK3K), Charlie (K9PVS/5), Art (N5MVI), Roddy Reavis, Vic (WB5MEI), Charlie (WA4ITY), Dick (N9EX), Dale (WA0CFQ), Charlie (KC0K), Harry (N2CJM), Philip (WD4IJV) & Ernest Collins, Ed (WA3NGD) & Thurman Grossnickle, Tom (KI4ZN) & Dick Ramey, Irv (AF2K), Roy (N5KLC) & Norm Billings, Steve (N4YZA), Joe (KA3UBG) & Scott Robinson, Dave (WD8IKB) & Rich Hilton, Carolyn (WA8MWA) & Vikki Jeczen, Ken Caldwell, Gordon (WB5OYL), Bob (W0EKM), Ken (N1HRZ), Kim (WB8ROE), John (W6BM), Jim (AF9A), and Joe (WA0WRI). Hamvention 1991 was also the largest Hamvention to date with total attendance exceeding 32,700.

Many members arrived a day early on Thursday, April 25th and started the Hamvention weekend off early. Two contingents of LARC members met for dinner Thursday evening at the Red Lobster Restaurant, and the LARC official hospitality suite, hosted by Tom (KI4ZN) and Dick Ramey, was in full swing during the weekend from Thursday evening on.

Friday morning many LARC members were up early to get a jump start on the huge Hamvention flea market which opened at 8 am. Rumors about a price blowout of TNCs at the Heathkit booth in the flea market had some members salivating and chomping at the bit. Heathkit did unload pocket TNCs for \$75.00, but their booth was indoors and not accessible until after noon on Friday. Unfortunately, LARC members were caught in a heavy rainstorm Friday morning as they covered the flea market. The rain lasted for about an hour and only just slowed down the mob a bit. At noon the enormous indoor display area opened with lines waiting to get in at every entrance. LARC members entered their ticket stubs in the large drum for the prize drawings which were held Sunday at the close of the Hamvention. This year there

were prizes totalling over \$110,000 with the grand prize a complete Icom IC-781 HF station with linear worth over \$13,000. Yaesu donated the most prizes for this year's Hamvention. One of the prizes this year was a 10 day, all expense paid tour to Radio Prague, Radio Moscow, and the Leningrad hamfest.

After a busy day at the Hamvention on Friday, LARC members freshened up back at LARC Hamvention headquarters at the Econo Lodge. Then there was time for socializing and first time eyeball QSOs. A friend of the club, Joe Eisenberg (WA0WRI) stopped by to show his excellent video on a former Dayton Hamvention. Later, a large group of about 30 LARC members then made their way to the traditional site of the Casa Lupita Mexican restaurant for margaritas and tasty Mexican food. After dinner, another social get together in the hospitality suite took place.

Saturday morning LARC members again made their way to the Hamvention and resumed covering the enormous event which seems to grow in size each and every year. Many LARC members attended one or more of the forums held in meeting rooms in HARA arena. Forms of particular interest to LARC members this year were on AMSAT, Antenna Tuners, QRP, and Wayne Green. The rain held off on Saturday but it was cloudy. After a full day at the Hamvention Saturday, it was back to the Econo Lodge for the pre-business meeting social hour at 5 PM. The LARC Executive Committee met prior to the social hour. At 6 PM, the LARC annual business meeting got underway. The meeting lasted until about 7:15 PM. After the meeting, LARC members walked a short distance to Abbie's Landing, for the LARC awards banquet. Thirty-eight LARC members, spouses and friends attended the dinner. After dinner, an award was presented to WB9LOZ acknowledging his excellent series of packet radio articles. WB6QVU accepted the award for WB9LOZ. KI4ZN received a special plaque in recognition of his efforts on behalf of the club, and KK3K received the LARC "Top OP" award for 1991. A raffle and drawing to benefit the LARC treasury was held. The winners were Eric (N6ZSU) who won a 2 meter yagi donated by Philip (WD4IJV), and Roddy Reavis, who won an MFJ artificial

ground donated by Don (WB6LYI). Joe (KA3UBG) and Scott Robinson, who were extremely busy at their Hamvention booth, The Sign Shoppe, distributed a number of LARC tee shirts to lucky LARC members picked at random. Joe and Scott also had LARC emblem hats available at their booth. After dinner socializing resumed while the more adventurous set out for the 1470 West dicso in Kettering.

On Sunday, the WX remained cloudy but the rain held off. LARC members arrived at the Hamvention for one last day of bargain hunting and decision marking. Major purchases were still to be made. Three LARC members bought the new Kenwood HF rig, the TS850S: WB5MEI, N5MVI, and NG2P. K9PVS/5 bought a belt-worn heavy duty rechargeable battery pack to power his HT; KI4ZN bought a fax card, a bargain 1.2 MB drive for \$35.00, and a Super VGA card. W9BVD bought an Icom super small 2m/440 HT; WA0CFQ traded his 2m HT for a 2m/440 model; WB6LYI bought some connectors in preparation for setting up his satellite station; K4UW bought an impedance bridge; and KK3K purchased several goodies for his satellite station including a 440 linear amplifier. After all of the last minute excitement, many LARC members took seats in the bleachers of HARA arena to witness the prize drawings which mark the close of the Hamvention at 2pm on Sunday. The arena was almost full, reflecting the record breaking attendance at Hamvention 1991. While no one from LARC was a major prize winner this year, everyone came away a winner after a great weekend at the Dayton Hamvention.

LARC Award In Recognition Presented To KI4ZN

A plaque in recognition of his services to the club was awarded to LARC Treasurer and Worked All Members Awards Program coordinator Tom Hendrix (KI4ZN) during the LARC banquet in Dayton on Saturday, April 27, 1991. In making the presentation, LARC President Jim (KK3K) profiled Tom's involvement in LARC: Treasurer since 1989; Awards Program coordinator since 1988; regular HF net check-in; author of Lambda Net News articles on DX and the ARRL Travel Exchange program; ar

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host of the LARC hospitality suite each year in Dayton with his room mate Dick Ramey. Tom was surprised to receive the award, and he thanked everyone for the honor.

LARC Special Award Presented to WB9LOZ

LARC Vice President Don (WB6LYI) presented a special plaque on behalf of the club to Larry Kenney (WB9LOZ) at the LARC banquet in Dayton. This award is in recognition of his excellent 15 part series of articles on packet radio which were published in the Lambda Net News. Don noted that the series was also published in booklet form by the Northern California Packet Association. Kit (WB6QVU) accepted the award for Larry and thanked everyone present on behalf of Larry.

KK3K Receives 1991

LARC "Top Op" Award

LARC Worked All Members Awards Coordinator Tom (KI4ZN) presented the 1991 "Top Op" award to Jim (KK3K) at the LARC awards banquet in Dayton. Jim had qualified for the award by earning the most endorsements during the year and he currently has worked over 60 LARC members on the LARC HF nets.

ARRL Official Positive on LARC

The Managing Editor of QST magazine met informally with former LARC Treasurer Bob (KA8UHL) at the Dayton Hamvention. Mark Wilson (AA2Z) told KA8UHL that he did not agree with the decision of the ARRL Directors to discriminate against LARC by refusing the club's classified ad. The decision still apparently lies with the ARRL Board of Directors and is not expected to be reversed soon. The passage of a statewide gay and lesbian rights bill in Connecticut, which will become effective later this year, may have implications in LARC's struggle with the ARRL. On another front, LARC President Jim (KK3K) did a follow-up taped interview with Hap Holly (KC9RP) on LARC for broadcast on RAIN, the Radio Amateur's Information Service, also at the Hamvention.

FCC Orders Abandonment of 220

The FCC, on April 29th, issued its final Report and Order in PR Docket 89-552, adopting rules for the use of 220 through 222 MHz by the Private Land Mobile Service. Amateurs will be required to discontinue all operations in the 220 through 222 MHz band effective 0000 UTC August 28, 1991, which is 5pm PDT August 27th. Looks like it's gone, folks!



LARC Chapter Listings

Local LARC chapters seem to be sprouting and growing everywhere these days. In order to help those LARC members who want to know where the closest local chapter is we need information about each chapter. A listing of the local chapter information will be compiled and included in every issue of the Lambda Net News. Chapters should send the information to LARC, P.O. Box 91299, Long Beach, CA 90809 as soon as possible:

1. Name of LARC chapter.
2. Contact person of chapter.
3. Mailing address of chapter.
4. Telephone number of chapter contact person.
5. Geographic area covered by chapter.
6. Frequency of meetings.
7. Dues, if any.
8. Notes or other information to include in listing.

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You Should Have Been There!

(From the May 23, 1991 Long Beach Press Telegram)

Relatives are 'semmler'

"Dances With Wolves" cinematographer Dean Semler is not on Queen Elizabeth's must-see list while here. Recalling his first encounter with her, Semler recalls: "I said I was director of photography, to which she replied: 'Oh, how terribly interesting. Actually, I have a brother-in-law who is a photographer.' I replied: 'Oh, how terribly coincidental. I have a brother-in-law who's a queen.' She moved on without saying another word."



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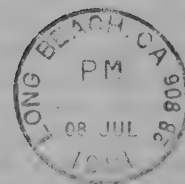


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By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

LARC Hollywood Chapter To Operate Special Event Station

The Hollywood Chapter of the Lambda Amateur Radio Club will operate a special event station using the callsign K700 from the site of the annual cultural pride festival adjacent to the Queen Mary in Long Beach, California on May 18-19, 1991. The club plans to operate in the general portions of the 40, 20, and 10 meter bands and in the Novice portion of the 10 meter band. A special QSL will be sent to those sending their QSL and business size SASE to LARC, P.O. Box 91299, Long Beach, CA 90809. The Hollywood Chapter has scheduled a series of important planning meetings during March, April and May during which all final arrangements and the major planning for the Long Beach Gay Pride Special Event Station will be done. Hollywood Chapter members encourage all of their fellow LARC members to contact the special event station and say hello! (Courtesy Hollywood Chapter press release.)

LARC Golden Gate Chapter Bike-A-Thon Planning Underway

LARC GGC member Don (W6DBZ) reports that the Different Spokes Bicycle Club has requested LARC GGC to again provide communications for the San Francisco AIDS Bike-A-Thon. Tentative dates for riding the route to check the rest stops and radio coverage were set for late March. The route for the Bike-A-Thon riders is changed from previous years, beginning at the Presidio and ending in Petaluma for those riders planning to complete the entire 100 mile route.

(Courtesy March GGC newsletter, KB7IP Editor.)

LARC Set To Convene At 1991 Dayton Hamvention

At least 36 members and friends of the Lambda Amateur Radio Club are planning to attend this year's Dayton Hamvention, set for the last weekend in April. Most members will be staying in rooms reserved by the club at the Dayton Econo Lodge, 2221 Wagoner Ford Rd., Dayton, Ohio. An information sheet listing LARC activities in connection with the Hamvention has been mailed to all members who will be attending. This year the LARC banquet will be held at Abbie's Landing, a restaurant situated next door to the Econo-Lodge. Dinner is set for 8:00 pm. Entree selections include a choice of steak, chicken or fish. Banquet activities will conclude in plenty of time for those who wish to make their way to the 1470 West disco for dancing. Other LARC activities scheduled include a group photo session on Saturday at the Hamvention site, the annual LARC business meeting, LARC raffle and awards presentation at the banquet, and many informal get-togethers at the hotel for eyeball QSOs.

Welcome New Members

Joe Cieciora (KA3UBG) lives in Simpson, PA. Joe will be an exhibitor at this year's Dayton Hamvention, along with new member Scott Robinson, who is currently studying for his Novice license. Scott lives in Uniondale, PA. Joe and Scott will operate "The Sign Shoppe" and they would like all LARC members to stop by the booth. Joe is also interested in

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Putting TCP/IP on the Air

By Larry Kenney

(WB9LOZ, San Francisco, CA)

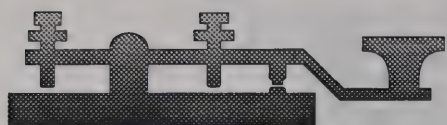
Getting your station set up for TCP/IP operation will require some time and effort on your part. You can't just put a disk in your computer and go on the air. You have to get an IP address, set up specific directories, get some needed files, and make up a few necessary files for your own operation. You also need a TNC that operates in KISS mode. Most now have the KISS command available, but check your TNC operating manual before you start anything else to ensure that the KISS command is available in your TNC. Also while you have the manual out, learn how to use the KISS command; it works differently from most commands you're familiar with.

The Software

The first thing you need, of course, is the software. The KA9Q Internet Package, commonly called NET, is the most common program in use today. There are versions available for the PC and clones, the Macintosh, Amiga and Unix. Where do you get it? The easiest source is a local ham that has a copy of the version you need. Put a message on your local BBS to see if there is anyone in your area that is already on TCP/IP. Not only will you be able to get the software from him, but you'll have someone to ask questions of if you have problems.

The Tucson Amateur Packet Radio Association (TAPR) has the version for the PC and clones available for \$4.00. This is a special "Plug and Play" set of disks with sample files included along

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President's Key

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

The other evening was one of those peculiar evenings. Peculiar, that is, if you're

a relatively sane person who just happens to be married to a ham. My lover, Dan, has seen enough of my crazy hamming tricks by now that he is no longer suprised when I pull stunts like I did the other night. We finished watching a movie on TV and went to bed around 11 PM. Unbeknownst to him, I set the alarm for 3 AM. I knew a rare country would be available then for just a few hours on OSCAR 13, thanks to a tip from the DX hounds on the bird. When the alarm went off and I got up, Dan didn't open an eye. He knew what I was up to from past experience. I fired up my rig and listened. Sure enough, the DXpedition to American Samoa showed up and a pile-up ensued. I was appalled at some of the poor operating techniques and lack of common sense exhibited by some of the hams trying to crack the pile-up. Many violated the golden rule: LISTEN before transmitting! Others yelled and yelled, repeating their call over and over without stopping to give the DX operator a chance to respond in the clear. I sat back and waited for my opportunity to pounce. Timing is everything. At the opportune moment, I gave my call one time. I waited. The dust settled. Then, he came back to me! One shot and I had him! It was just like clockwork. I blew away the smoke from my mic barrel, notched my key, threw the switch, and went back to bed. By this time Dan was awake and in an amorous mood. Hamming does have its side benefits, you know. de KK3K

See you in Dayton!

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camping and water-skiing. Scott's other interests include music, camping, and his animal companion, "Molly."

Ken Davis (W6RFN) is a member of the Golden Gate Chapter who lives in San Francisco. Ken is interested in computers and he is active in UUCP and TCP/IP networks.

Kevin Quinlan (WA1MYZ) lives in Dorchester, Mass. Kevin's other interests include free weights, camping, hiking, canoeing, biking and cooking.

Art Bretz just received a new no-code Technician license, KC6TAD. Art lives in Los Angeles and he is a member of the Hollywood Chapter. Art's other interests include computing/graphics and cooking.

Tony Bolton plans to study for his Technician ticket. Tony lives in Philadelphia. His interests include short wave listening, computers, and getting his ticket.

Member Correspondence

Irv (AF2K) has been very busy helping out with emergency communications in the Rochester, NY area, after a severe ice storm knocked out power and downed wires and trees throughout the area. In some areas, power was not restored for several weeks. Irv lost his 40 and 75/80 meter dipoles in the storm, however he was able to repair the antennas and is now back on those bands.

Richard (KA7FYC) called the LARC hotline to borrow a copy of "Tune in the World" from the LARC hotline. Kevin, Richard's significant other is planning to study for the new no-code technician license. "Tune in the World" is on its way; good luck Kevin!

Golden Gate Chapter Trish (WA6UBE) gave the Chapter a brief talk on NVIS or near-vertical-incidence-skywave at the Chapter's February meeting. NVIS is a communications technique that the Army and Marine Corps have been testing with very good results. The HF antenna is placed horizontally about 3 feet off the ground to create a very high angle ground wave. The daytime operating frequency is below 8 Mhz, but Trish said that there have been other tests up to 12 Mhz that have been successful. The range for this high angled ground wave is about 200+ miles. The technique would be very useful for ARES and RACES operations such as the October '89 earthquake in San Francisco. Further tests should be done by all local AREA and RACES groups in conjunction with State Offices of Emergency Services to see just how valuable this technique would be in an emergency. For further information, please contact Trish (WA6UBE). (Courtesy March GGC newsletter, KB7IP Editor.)

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Membership rosters are published several times each year and will be inserted into an issue of the LAMBDA NET NEWS. This summarized roster lists basic member information.

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with instructions for setting up your hard drive with the proper directories. You can write to them at TAPR, PO Box 12925, Tucson, AZ 85732, or call them at (602) 749-9479.

If you have a telephone modem, there are several sources available to you. You can download the package from some of the ham related telephone BBSs. In California you can call Dennis Humphrey WA6RDH's BBS in Dixon at (916) 678-1535. In Maryland the software's available on Howard Leadmon WB3FFV's BBS at (301)-335-0858, or in Ohio on Gary Sanders N8EMR's BBS at (614)-457-4227. All accept 1200/2400, 8 bits, no parity, 1 stop bit. The software is also available from Compuserve in the Hamnet section. If you have a DRSI plug-in TNC, you already have what you need. A copy of the TCP/IP software that has already been configured for use with the DRSI card was included with it.

IP Address

In addition to the software, you also need to obtain an IP address. This is a series of numbers that will uniquely identify your station on the air. To get an address assigned to you, contact the IP address coordinator in your area. (In the SF Bay Area it's Douglas Thom, N6OYU @ K3MC, and in the Sacramento area it's Bob Meyer, K6RTV @ WA6NWE.) In other areas, ask around to find out who the local IP address coordinator is, or contact Brian Kantor, WB6CYT, the national IP address coordinator, at 7108 Werner Street, San Diego, CA 92122.

Send the following information with your request:

- Your first name, last name and callsign.
- Your full mailing address.
- The city where your TCP/IP station is going to be located.
- Whether or not it's a home or work location.
- The callsign of your home BBS.
- Your Internet address, if you have one.

Files Needed

A copy of the HOSTS.NET file is also required. It's available for downloading on many of the packet BBSs. Check for a TCP/IP directory using the W command. If you can't locate the file, ask your local sysop for assistance. The file is fairly lengthy, so plan on spending a little time downloading it. The HOSTS.NET file is used by the NET software to look up the IP address for each station you wish to contact, so you'll need it before you go on the air with your TCP/IP station.

If you're using the PC/clone version of NET, I strongly suggest that you also get a copy of the file BEGIN.DOC, written by Gary Ford, N6GF. It explains what you need to do to set up your station in clear, easy to understand terminology and then goes into details on all of the commands used with the NET program. There is documentation that comes with the software, but I found it to be difficult to understand in many places. It also isn't as complete as Gary's and the descriptions of some of the functions are missing. Gary's documentation takes all of the guess work out of the process.

There are two other files you'll also find very helpful once you're up and running. One is called FINGER.DOC, describing the user identification application, and the other is BM.DOC, the "BM User Manual" by Dave Trulli, NN2Z.

If you can't find the files, BEGIN.DOC, FINGER.DOC and BM.DOC locally, send me a formatted disk with return postage and I'll be glad to make a copy of the files for you. I can copy to 3 1/2" 1.44M or 5 1/4" 1.2M or 360K disks. My address is 4145 21st Street, San Francisco, CA 94114.

(I can also furnish HOSTS.NET for Northern California users.)

Hard Disk Set Up

Before installing the program on your computer, special directories need to be established on your hard drive for use by the TCP/IP program. Under the root directory (C:\ on most systems) you need to make directories titled FINGER, PUBLIC and SPOOL, as shown in the diagram. Under the SPOOL directory you need to add four sub-directories called FOLDER, MAIL, MQUEUE and RQUEUE.

--The FINGER directory is used to identify users of your TCP/IP station. The file FINGER.DOC explains the operation of the FINGER application and the files needed in this directory. The files are NOT needed to put your station on the air with TCP/IP.

--The PUBLIC directory, and any sub-directories you want to add to it, is the area accessible to users of your station, similar to the files area of your packet BBS. You can develop this area after you get on the air and become familiar with TCP/IP operation.

--The SPOOL directory is used for your automatic station log.

--The FOLDER sub-directory is where files are stored when you save any messages as files.

--The MAIL sub-directory is where incoming messages are stored.

--The MQUEUE sub-directory is for outgoing messages.

--The RQUEUE sub-directory is for messages that have been received for processing by a user-defined mail routing program. (I have no idea what this is about. Nothing has ever ended up in RQUEUE on my station.)

Files Used

Next, you need to make up a couple of files used by the NET program. The documentation that comes with the program gives you examples of what you need to enter in these files.

The first file is AUTOEXEC.NET, a series of commands and information needed by the program. (This file should not be confused with your AUTOEXEC.BAT file.) When the NET program first starts up it reads this file and executes the commands contained in it, setting up the initial configuration for your system. It sets the hostname, AX.25 parameters, interfaces and other variables necessary for your particular station. Make sure that you have the correct entry for the COM port you're going to use for your TNC. Most enter "ax0" for COM1.

The next file you need to write is FTPUSERS. It establishes the access levels for users of your station. Be very careful when writing the information for this file or outsiders will be able to get into your private personal files. It's not advisable to give permission above level 3, as outlined in the documentation.

Both of these files, AUTOEXEC.NET and FTPUSERS, the file HOSTS.NET, and the files NET.EXE and BM.RC that come with the software package, are placed in the ROUTE directory.

Putting It All on the Air

When you have all of the files saved to the proper directories you should be ready to go on the air. Set up your radio for simplex operation on the TCP/IP frequency in your area. Ask around locally for the frequency used.

Using your normal computer terminal program, check your TNC to computer baud rate and make sure that it matches the baud rate you entered in AUTOEXEC.NET. Set DWait to 0,

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Putting TCP/IP on the Air

Persistence ON, and SLOTtime to 160 ms., then turn KISS ON. As explained earlier, the operation of KISS mode varies from normal command usage, and even varies from TNC to TNC, so read your TNC manual for details on the KISS command. With the AEA PK-232 you will also have to turn HOST ON. Be careful that your terminal program doesn't take you out of KISS mode when you exit it. Some do! I use Pro-Comm and it works fine.

When the radio and TNC are ready, enter NET at the DOS prompt, cross your fingers and see what happens. You should get the prompt "NET". My station came up on the first try! I hope yours does also.

To monitor the frequency, you will need to enter "trace cmdmode"

followed by "trace ax0 111"

(ax0 is assuming COM1). These two commands can be added to AUTOEXEC.NET if you want automatic monitoring. That way you don't have to type it in each time you come on line.

The first thing you'll probably want to do is to see if everything is working okay. The easiest check is to make an AX.25 connection with another station that you know is on frequency. Enter "connect ax0 allsign"

, where allsign is the station you want to connect to. For example, to connect to WB9LOZ you would enter: c ax0 wb9loz. If everything is working as it should you will soon receive "conn pending" followed by "connected". After spending all of your time and effort setting up your TCP/IP program, you have now completed a normal packet AX.25 keyboard to keyboard contact! To disconnect, use the F10 key to escape back to the NET prompt, and then enter "disconnect" or "d". (Most of the commands can be abbreviated.)

If your station is working, congratulations! You now have the world of TCP/IP awaiting you. Using the documentation provided with the software, or better yet, BEGIN.DOC, you can now start checking out the various commands. The TELNET and FTP commands are the two most frequently used for

contacting other TCP/IP stations, but I also find that using FINGER is fun.

Make sure you check the STATUS and TCP STATUS before going off line to make sure all sessions have been completed. You'll be surprised quite frequently to find other stations sending you messages, uploading or downloading files, and you didn't even know they were connected.

There were a couple of things that I didn't understand when I first got on the air with TCP/IP, so I'll pass those on to you now. To enter messages or to read messages, you have to escape NET and then enter the BM Mailer from the DOS prompt. To escape, you enter an exclamation point (!) at the NET prompt, then enter BM at the DOS prompt. When you're finished with the messages, you enter "q" to get back to the DOS prompt and then enter "exit" to resume operation of NET. To get out of NET completely, you enter "exit" at the NET prompt.

When you have things set up as you like them, send me a message and let me know you're on the air (wb9loz%wb9loz@w6rfn). If you're in the Bay Area we can meet for fun and games on Marc's system. Enter: "telnet noe.kg6kf 6715", and beware of the Wizard!

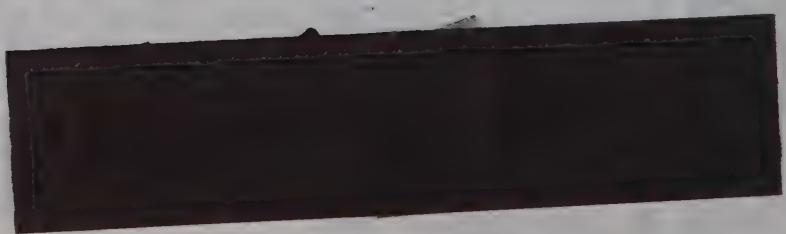
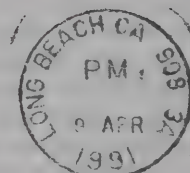
A new TCP/IP program called NOS is now in development and many stations are now using it successfully. Once you get on the air with NET, you might want to upgrade to NOS in time. NOS is available for the PC/clones by sending two 5 1/4" disks or one 3 1/2" 720kb diskette to W. E. Moerner, 1003 Belder Drive, San Jose, CA 95120-3302 in a mailer with return postage. NOS for the Mac is available from Doug Thom, N6OYU, (408) 253-1306, 1405 Graywood Drive, San Jose, CA 95129-4778. Amiga NOS is available on Compuserve in Hamnet Library #9 or by contacting Chris, WA2KDL @ K6VE.#SOCA.CA. UNIX and other operating systems can get the c code for NOS from various internet ftp sites. Contact marc@noe.kg6kf for further information (KG6KF @ K3MC.#NOCAL.CA on the BBS circuit).

Enjoy your TCP/IP experiences!

73, Larry, WB9LOZ.

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By Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

LARC Annual Business Meeting Set for April 27, 1991

The Lambda Amateur Radio Club annual business meeting will take place on Saturday, April 27, 1991 at the Dayton Econo-Lodge, 2221 Wagoner Ford Rd., Dayton, Ohio. The meeting time is set for 6:00 PM. LARC members from all areas will be in Dayton in connection with the Dayton Hamvention scheduled to take place between April 26 and 28, 1991.

19 LARC Stations Set Net Check-in Record

On Sunday, February 10, 1991, 19 LARC members checked into the LARC 19:00 Zulu HF skeds on 20, 15 and 10 meters setting a record for the highest number of member check-ins to our nets on record. Stations participating in the nets were: WAØCFQ; N8KBF; AF2K; KI4ZN; KCØK; W9BVD; N5MVI; KA4PNO; KE2GE; NG2P; WM2D; N7MNT; KK3K; G4JKE/W7; WA6FXL; AA1Z; N2CJM; KK6JD; and WB6YYZ. Former member Bob (VE3DOO) was also on frequency to say hello. G4ILW and GØBEV were heard on the 15:00 Zulu transatlantic sked earlier in the day as excellent propagation conditions continue to facilitate our LARC HF skeds.

East Coast Packet BBS Operators Receive FCC Citations

Several East Coast packet bulletin board operators, including Tom Clark (W3IWD), received FCC Citations as a result of the automatic forwarding of a bulletin that was deemed in violation of the rules prohibiting the use of ham radio

for business related activities. A ham in Pennsylvania posted a bulletin to his forwarding packet BBS addressed to all in opposition to the Persian Gulf war in January. The bulletin listed a 900 phone number for those who are opposed to the war in the gulf to call and register their opposition. However, 900 numbers are business enterprises. Packet BBS operators have stated that they cannot possibly read and edit all messages posted to their bulletin boards. The operator of the forwarding BBS was not able to prevent the message from entering the auto-forwarding network and the message was widely distributed on the East coast. The FCC Engineer in charge in Norfolk, VA sent out violation notices to a number of hams who operate auto-forwarding packet BBSs and who had handled the message in question. This incident has sent shock waves through the packet radio community. Some PBBS operators have restricted their operations, while others have appealed for assistance from hams using their boards to insure that the rules are not violated. PBBS ops and packeteers will be watching for further developments in this potentially serious incident.

1991 Renewal Drive Concludes

The LARC Executive Committee would like to thank all who have renewed their membership in LARC and extend special thanks and recognition to the following additional members who made an additional monetary contribution to the club over and above their dues: WA6MXR; WM2D; KA8UHL. A final reminder that it's past time to renew your membership in LARC for 1991.

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By Larry Kenney (WB9LOZ, San Francisco, CA)

The "Introduction to Packet" series you've seen here during the past year and a half has come to an end. I hope that all of you have found it to be informative and that you've learned a few things from it. Some of the earlier parts have been now been updated and revised in recent months to reflect a few changes that have been made, but overall the information is still current in the older versions.

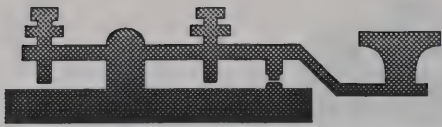
I sent out the revised series as packet messages to all BBSs on the West Coast a few months ago, but they seem to have been forwarded to a much larger area. I've been receiving comments from as far away as Maine, New York and Florida on the east coast, from Ohio, Illinois and Texas, and two comments from way south in Venezuela and Peru. In addition, the Northern California Packet Association has published the series as a booklet and is selling it for \$4.00 a copy.

Now I'd like to hear from you as to what you'd like to see discussed in this packet column. If you have anything to suggest, please send me a message (WB9LOZ @ W6PW.#NOCAL.CA.USA.NA) or letter (4145 21st St., San Francisco, CA 94114).

I'm in the process of writing a new section for the packet series on TCP/IP - where to get the software and documentation, how to set up the directories and files, how to get it on the air, etc. - and I'll be sharing that with you when I have it completed.

A big ruckus has been stirred up by the Norfolk, VA, FCC office. It cited 8 packet BBSs for handling a message they

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President's Key

by Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)
President, LARC

We all know that we're not supposed to use ham radio for business related activities, don't we? Then why would a ham in Pennsylvania post a packet message to an auto-forwarding packet bulletin board that urged hams to call a 900 number to protest the war in the Persian Gulf? I don't know the answer, but I suspect that he was careless and didn't realize that 900 numbers are money-making enterprises. I'm prepared to give him the benefit of the doubt and believe that he was sincerely trying to do some good. I can't believe he would post the message knowing that it would result in FCC violation notices and possible fines for innocent PBBS operators in several states and have serious potential ramifications for packet radio operations in general. He probably didn't realize that his message would be automatically forwarded by computer all over the East Coast before any sysop would have a chance to kill it because its content was inappropriate.

Well, how about the motives of the FCC Engineer in Charge in Norfolk, Va., who sent out a series of violation notices to PBBS operators in several states as a result of this message? I question his motives. Why weren't the violation notices sent out by the FCC Engineer in the Pennsylvania area where the message originated? Also, why did the Norfolk FCC feel they had to nail every PBBS on the message chain? Seems to me that they were trying to make a point about the political content of the message: they didn't approve! I think a measured response would have been more appropriate. Did this offense warrant "nuking" packet radio, or would a "smart bomb" been more appropriate? Too bad that, here in the good old U.S., dissent is still not viewed by the majority as the necessary element of democracy that it surely is! de KK3K

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considered to be of a business nature. The message pertained to an anti-Desert Storm group and listed a 900 number for people to call. The originator was issued a citation for sending the message, but the BBSs were issued a citation for handling it. As a result, many BBSs are now putting all messages received on hold until the sysop has a chance to check them and then release them. Can you imagine trying to read 75 to 100 messages a day? That's how many pass through the BBS here. We all need to get behind the effort to clear up this mess real soon.

On the renewal form for LARC I was a little surprised to see spaces for HOME BBS #1 and HOME BBS #2. [This is being changed to the hierarchical message routing system. —Ed.] As pointed out in my series, each packet user should have ONE home BBS. Some of the software will automatically forward a message to the BBS you list as home, so if you list two, messages can be bounced back and forth in an endless loop between the two

until one of the sysops kills it. Don, WB6LYI, says that the two spaces were meant to be your HOME BBS and your PERSONAL MAILBOX. That's okay. Just remember to use the call of a full service BBS when registering your HOME BBS. Messages addressed to personal mailboxes aren't forwarded, as only full service systems are part of the forwarding network.

Have any of you worked SAREX, MIR, or the new PAC-SAT BBS? Working the shuttle, the space station or a satellite via packet is becoming a new fast-growing interest. (I logged contact #870 with WA4SIR and am looking forward to my QSL card from space!) If you're interested in this area, check your local BBS for "Space News," a weekly electronic newsletter that originates in New Jersey, and for the AMSAT bulletins.

Let me hear from you with your ideas and suggestions. 73, Larry, WB9LOZ

*** DISCONNECTED

Time is running out!
Participate in your local pride day
events and sponsor a LARC booth.
Call the LARC Hotline if you need
assistance: (215) 978-LARC



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Membership Roster

Membership rosters are published several times each year and will be inserted into an issue of the LAMBDA NET NEWS. This summarized roster lists basic member information.

If you'd like to receive a highly detailed, in-depth listing of each member, just send a 9" x 12" self-addressed envelope with \$1.90 postage affixed and a custom printed roster will be on its way to you. This way, you can have an updated roster as often as you'd like and LARC will not be sending rosters to anyone who doesn't want one.

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Chapter News

The Rochester chapter had decided to call themselves the "Finger Lakes Chapter," according to Dave (KE2GE) who has been helping to coordinate chapter activities. The Finger Lakes Chapter has also decided to make membership in national LARC mandatory and to institute their own dues structure designed to enable them to "help us reach other gay hams, and provide resources to persons interested in obtaining their ticket." One of the non-ham members of the chapter, Barb, is the first member to go for the new no-code Tech license. The current members of the Finger Lakes Chapter are: Dave (KE2GE); Dave's partner Jim (N2IMS); Irv (AF2K); Bob (NG2P); Lisa (KD2DWB); Monica (Lisa's partner); Barb (unlicensed); and Doc (N2IKR).

The Golden Gate Chapter has selected a new set of Officers for 1991. the Officers are: Don (W6DBZ), President; John (W6BM), Vice President; Kit (WB6QVU), Secretary; and Bill (K9AT), Treasurer. The Officers have planned four general business meetings per year plus additional event planning and coordination meetings as needed. The monthly meeting schedule remains the same with meetings held at the QTH of one of the members. According to Chapter President Don (W6DBZ), "We will start planning very soon for the AIDS Bike-A-Thon in May, followed closely by the Gay Pride and Gay Freedom Day events in San Jose and San Francisco, in June." Events on the GGC calendar include a social meeting on March 14, a business meeting on April 11, and a performance of the Silicon Valley Gay Men's Chorus on March 16. (Courtesy Feb. GGC Newsletter - N6PGH, Editor)

The Hollywood Chapter's next meeting is scheduled for March 9th at the QTH of Rick (K6VE) and Larry (KC6NVL) in Los Angeles. The major topic will be the planning for the Long Beach Gay Pride Festival on May 18-19. The site for the festival

is beautiful Aquatic Park opposite the Queen Mary (appropriate, huh?) on the bay at Shoreline Village. The chapter is planning to operate a Special Event Station, using callsign K700, from their booth at the event and will be accepting messages for transmission to family, friends, and military personnel stationed overseas, including the Middle East. They hope to locate other gay hams from the more than 30,000 attendees expected to be at the event.

UK/EU Chapter members have all renewed their Chapter memberships for 1991. James (G4ILW) is hoping to attend the 1991 Dayton Hamvention.

Member Correspondence

Hollywood Chapter member Art Bretz is the first member of LARC to become a no-code Technician. Art passed his tests in early February and is awaiting his FCC issued callsign. Art has monitored LARC HF nets and he is eager to get on the air. Congratulations, Art!

LARC Membership Secretary Philip (WD4IJV) got a nice write-up in Community Connections, a gay and lesbian publication serving the Asheville, NC area. The article also profiled LARC and provided contact information for the club.

Don (AA6GA) is expanding his computer capability. Don now has and is using a Tandy 1000HX, Tandy 1400HD, Tandy 100, Tandy 102, Geneve 9640 and two TI-99/4a's. Don and his partner, Tom, both use the computers and Don writes that they get plenty of use!

Bill (K9AT) and Larry (WB9LOZ) are planning a vacation to Europe this summer.

Jim (KK3K) and Dan have decided not to vacation in Europe this summer due to the international political situation. Jim and Dan may travel in the opposite direction to the Orient, perhaps China!

Tom (KI4ZN) and Dick will be travelling to Europe in May. They hope to meet up with UK/EU members during their stay in England. They also have plans to visit Amsterdam.

Leonard (KB8DOA) will not be able to attend the Dayton Hamvention this year due to job requirements.

Keith (G4JED) was in New York City on business in late February. LARC Big Apple members Rick (WM2D) and Rick (K2JOZ) welcomed Keith on his most recent visit to the States.

What Will You Do When Cycle 22 Wanes?

by Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA - excerpted from a presentation before the Temple University Amateur Radio Club - Fall '90)

We're still enjoying excellent HF propagation on the higher HF frequencies, but I've been a ham long enough to know that it won't last much longer. We'll lose 10 meter propagation sooner than we'd like, and 15 meters will quickly follow. In a few short years, we'll have to endure the lousy conditions on 20 meters for our HF nets, because that's all we'll have! But, imagine being able to turn on your rig at almost any time during the bottom of the cycle and knowing you'll have excellent propagation between yourself and half of the world. Impossible? Not for OSCAR (Orbiting Satellites Carrying Amateur Radio).

Why should you get into OSCAR satellite work? Here are some good reasons. First: reliability. You don't have to worry about propagation because OSCAR work is line-of-sight. If your antennas can "see" the "bird," you're in! And, you can QSO with everyone else who can see it at that time, which means you can simultaneously work a station in Tokyo and one in London from your QTH in Chicago, if the satellite is above the horizon

as seen from all three cities. OSCAR 13 is in a "semi-geostationary" orbit, which means it stays in relatively the same place in the sky for large chunks of each day. Typically, OSCAR 13 is available twice each day for about eight hours each time. QRM, QRN, and fading are not the problem on OSCAR that they are on HF. There's 150 KC of bandwidth on OSCAR 13 mode "B" so there's plenty of room for everyone and no problem with QRM. The mode "B" downlink is on 2 meters which is exponentially quieter than HF. The mode "J" downlink on 70 cm is much quieter still. Fading due to the rotation of the satellite is minimal. Another advantage is that all license classes Technician and above can use the entire band. There are no restricted areas based on license class. OSCARs are full duplex, like a phone conversation, so you can react to and interrupt other people during the QSO. Tired of the "big guns" wiping you out on HF with their Texas kilowatts? OSCAR is the big equalizer since the transponder retransmits

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everyone's signal relatively equally. You are stronger if you have better antennas and are using more power, but everyone is encouraged to reduce their power so that their own downlink signal is no stronger than the satellite's own beacon. The reason for this is that if a "big gun" were to overpower OSCAR's transponder, he would trigger the bird's power limiting circuitry and everyone's signal would be reduced. Like to work DX? OSCAR DX is the ultimate challenge. They just issued Satellite DXCC #50. There have been over 175 countries on OSCAR, but it's a real chase. There are always plenty of DX stations to work, especially Europeans and Japanese. Persistence, operating technique, station engineering, and luck are just some of the factors that go into DXing on OSCAR. Now, with no-code, new technicians will be able to work all the DX on SSB that they want via OSCAR. Setting up to work OSCAR is no more expensive than setting up an HF station. 2m/70cm all mode rigs are available, but many ops use transverters such as the Ten-Tec satellite rig to get the job done for less money. Antennas are relatively small and they do not have to be up high, they just need to "see" as much of the horizon as possible. Say good-bye to RFI and TVI problems with OSCAR. And, there's a certain

amount of prestige that goes along with saying "I operate via satellites" and demonstrating your station to your friends. They think it's sophisticated, complicated and mysterious, but only you know how easy and simple it actually is!

All of this sounds interesting, but where do you start? A good first step would be to join AMSAT-NA, the non-profit group which raises money to build and launch satellites. When you join, ask them to send you "A Beginner's Guide to OSCAR 13 - A step-by-step guide to hardware and operating procedures necessary to work the World through OSCAR 13" written by Keith Berglund and published in 1989 by AMSAT. If you follow Keith's suggestions as I did, you'll be successful on OSCAR 13. Write me and let me know you're interested. I can help answer questions or get you answers, and make suggestions and recommendations based on my experiences. I waited a couple of years before I got serious about setting up a satellite station because I was intimidated by the whole idea. I thought it would be too difficult and complex for a non-technically oriented person such as myself to handle. Was I ever wrong! Don't you make the same mistake. Do it now and put reliance on the sunspot cycle behind you for good! See you on the Birds!

Complete HF Station For Sale

Yes, that's right! Just about everything you'd ever need in a great HF station. Equipment is like-new and still in operation at my QTH. Items offered for sale are as a complete and total package, rather than in pieces. Here's what is included:

Kenwood TS-940S-AT Transceiver with internal antenna tuner; SP-940 matching speaker; MC-60A desk microphone; HS-5 deluxe headphones; PC-1A phone patch; LF-30A low pass filter; YK-88C-1 ceramic filter (installed); SW-2000 power meter with 30-150 MHz option; IF-10B computer interface;

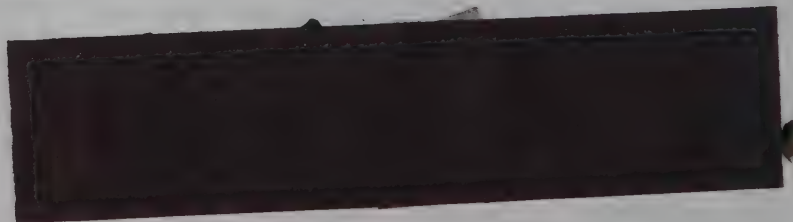
IF-232C level translator; Heil BK-10-K dual muff boomset for Kenwood; Alliance HD-73 antenna rotator with control box and rotator control cable; Ameritron AL-80A linear amplifier (1 kilowatt SSB, 850 watts CW, and 500 watts RTTY) with 10 meters enabled; Ameritron ATR-15 1500 watt antenna tuner with power meter; Telex/Hy-Gain Explorer-14 beam for 20-15-10 meters with QK-710 option for 40 meters; and all RG-8U coax cable currently in use. Price new was over \$6,000; will sell for \$3,500.

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By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)
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Executive Committee Expanded

Club President Jim (KK3K) has appointed three new LARC Membership Secretaries for the 1991-2 term. Dave (WN1U) will serve as membership secretary for amateur call areas 1,2,3,8 & 9. Philip (WD4IJV) will handle call areas 4,5 & Ø. Paul (KK6JD) will serve as west coast membership secretary with responsibility for call areas 6 & 7. In addition to their responsibilities of corresponding with and screening potential new members of LARC, Dave, Philip and Paul will be full voting members of the LARC Executive Committee. The benefits of this new structure include involving more members in the club decision making process and providing a more personalized response to perspective new members.

Thanks To All Who've Renewed

Sixty-nine (69) LARC members have already sent in their renewals for 1991, and some members chose to renew for a period of more than one year. The LARC Executive Committee would like to give special thanks and recognition to the following members who made an additional monetary contribution to the club over and above their dues: AA6GA, WA4ITY, WB5MEI, KC3XC, KCØK, WB9LOZ, K9AT, KK6JD, W6DBZ, WA1SEY, N1HRZ, WA3NGD, K9PVS/5, AA6FI, AF2K, KA1MQX, K3AKK, KA2EGO, N4VA.

Renew Now!

A final reminder that it's time to renew your membership in LARC for 1991. Dues are \$15.00 per year and this

includes your subscription to the Lambda Net News. Remember, we must receive a completed renewal form from you if you wish to remain on the active roster and receive your copy of the newsletter each month.

LARC Roster Availability

LARC Officers have been receiving requests for an updated roster. A short roster listing call signs, names and addresses only will be published at the conclusion of the current membership renewal drive. This roster will probably be included with the April issue of the Lambda Net News. Members who wish a complete and comprehensive roster listing additional information such as member's station equipment, PBBS, interests, etc. can obtain one by sending a self-addressed 9 x 12 inch manila envelope with \$1.90 in postage affixed to Don (WB6LYI), P.O. Box 91299, Long Beach, CA 90809. Don will generate a comprehensive roster on-demand for all who send the required SASE.

Chapter News

The Golden Gate Chapter held its annual Christmas potluck dinner on Friday, December 14, 1990. The January Chapter meeting was set for Thursday, January 10.

Hollywood Chapter members are gearing up to participate in their local gay and lesbian pride event scheduled for mid-May. Under consideration are plans for a special event station, booth, special QSL and message handling, provided the expense of participating is manageable.

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Something Completely Different

By Stuart Hill

(GØBEV, Newcastle upon Tyne, England)

That curious anachronism, the British Honours System has lately raised an odd bit of controversy. This System, which has no counterpart I know of in the USA (or indeed anywhere else, for that matter) is intended to bestow Honours upon individuals deemed worthy, for activities in Public Life, or indeed private persons too who have been nominated by friends, colleagues etc. for commendable deeds. Worthy in intention no doubt, it takes various forms — thus the Queen may bestow Honours upon her Birthday, an outgoing Prime Minister can reward political favours on leaving Office (as did Margaret Thatcher recently), or less contentiously, a New Year's Honours List may bestow the Establishment's blessing on the Great and the Good, or even the Humble and Neglected.

This year, the list included a Knighthood for the well known actor Ian McKellen, noted for his interpretations of Shakespeare and other dramatists, in recognition for his services to the Arts. Sir Ian, as he should now be addressed, is also well known for his forceful advocacy of gay rights as well as his considerable achievements in raising funds for Aids sufferers (his contribution to a campaign succeeded in raising nearly \$1,000,000 toward an AIDS Hospice). He "came out" a couple of years ago during an interview with an arch-conservative correspondent of a right-wing national daily newspaper.

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President's Key

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)
President, Lambda Amateur Radio Club

I would like to say thanks and wish the best of luck to our three new LARC Membership Secretaries: Dave (WN1U), Philip (WD4IJV) and Paul (KK6JD). These three members volunteered to help out with the work of keeping our club functioning and their help is needed and I'm sure is appreciated by all LARC members. Their job is an important one since they are responsible for screening new members. They will be the first line of contact for individuals who wish to join LARC, and they can do a lot to make new members feel welcome. I'm sure all three will do a splendid job for the club and will greatly add in their capacity as members of the LARC Executive Committee. The appointment of these three individuals to the Executive Committee is a 50 percent expansion of this decision making arm of the club. With more people involved in making club decisions, we can be sure that many more viewpoints and new ideas will be represented. I was delighted to see three volunteers come forward to help out and I'm happy to have each of them aboard in their capacity as Membership Secretary for their respective call areas.

I was also very surprised and pleased to see that almost a third of the members who renewed this year decided to make an extra monetary contribution to help out the club treasury. I couldn't help but think about what a really super bunch of gay and lesbian hams we have in our club! LARCers are good people: they volunteer when needed and help out with a few extra dollars even in these tough times. I'm truly proud to be associated with this club and such a fine group of gay men and lesbians. de KK3K

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Chapter members met for dinner on Saturday, January 26 with 10 members in attendance.

LARC UK is also conducting a membership renewal drive. So far, 8 renewals have come in with two more expected shortly. In addition, there is at least one new Class A member who has recently joined.

Odds & Ends

Check the LARC 10 meter calling frequency of 29.185 when you're in your shack. Several members monitor this frequency during the week as well as weekends. Brian (GMØKWL) checks the frequency on the half-hour, and Wayne (WA6FXL) monitors the frequency daily.

US Postal rates went up February 3rd, making it considerably more expensive to be an active ham. LARC will pay more to mail newsletters and we'll all pay more to mail our QSL cards and letters.

Ticket and reservation forms for the Dayton Hamvention were mailed in early January by the Dayton Amateur Radio Association to hams on their database. Tickets for the three day event are \$10.50 ea. in advance, \$13.00 at the door.

Did you make a note of your LARC membership number listed on your 1991 renewal form? Future LARC rosters will show each member's number. LARC members should check in to our HF nets

with their membership number. This is one sure way to tell members from non-members on Sunday afternoons.

Member Correspondence

Irv (AF2K) and his faithful canine companion Rustye drove south from Rochester in late January making stops in Philadelphia at the QTH of Jim (KK3K) and Dan and in Washington, DC at the QTH of Howard (W9BVD) and Bob while on their way to sunny Florida. Irv and Rustye planned to enjoy the hospitality of Tom (KI4ZN) and Dick once in Florida. Irv checked in on 29.185 from the mobile on Sunday afternoon, January 27.

Congratulations to Ken (N1HRZ) on his successful upgrade to Advanced class during November of 1990 and his new callsign.

LARC UK members are planning a get-together at the Newcastle hamfest in March.

James (G4ILW) will be in Sweden on business in February and is planning to try for an eyeball QSO with Tomas (SM6MLB) if at all possible.

Congratulations to Vic (WB5MEI) and Brian (GMØKWL) who made a successful two way SSB contact during the transatlantic net on January 20, 1991.

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Membership Roster

Membership rosters are published several times each year and will be inserted into an issue of the LAMBDA NET NEWS. This summarized roster lists basic member information.

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Something Completely Different

His elevation was at first sight applauded as a sign of acceptance of a gay activist by the Establishment. It was however adroitly balanced by conferring a similar Honour on a well known homophobe - James Anderton, the Chief Police Constable of the City of Manchester; the latter achieved notoriety with his rather intemperate remarks about gays and AIDS: "homosexuals are living in a cesspool of their own creation ..." etc, etc.

The mood was marred somewhat by an interview published in the Guardian (a liberal national daily newspaper) with the out gay film director, Derek Jarman. (His works include: Sebastian, a rather erotic study of the martyrdom of St. Sebastian, his interpretation of Shakespeare's The Tempest. His latest work, The Garden, has been widely acclaimed by critics, and was commended at the Cannes Film Festival last year.) Quoting from his article, the latter said, "As a queer artist, I find it impossible to react with anything but dismay to his acceptance of this honour from a government which has stigmatised homosexuality ... and which is poised ... to take important steps toward re-criminalising homosexuality; ... give judges new power to imprison gay men for what will become "serious" sex crimes of persistent importuning, acts of "indecent" between gay men and procuring homosexual acts." The references here are to past and forthcoming legislation put forward by government, the latter the Criminal Justice Bill which contains a clause which converts three categories of consenting and otherwise completely legal homosexual activities into serious sex crimes. More about this on another occasion.

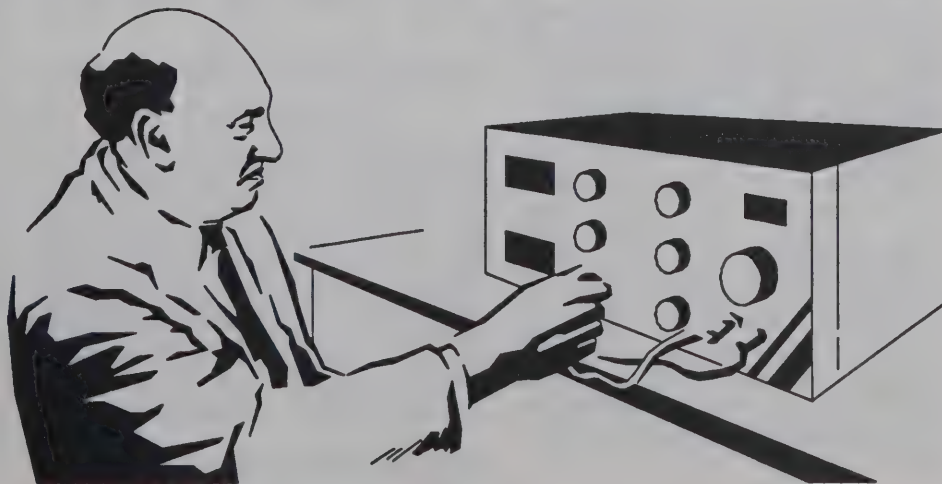
By way of riposte, the same newspaper, a few days later carried on its front page a piece entitled "Row Over Gay Actor's Honour Prompts Stars to Come Out." Eighteen well known figures in the world of the Performing Arts signed a remarkable letter commending Sir Ian for accepting the honour and asserted "Never again will public figures be able to claim that they have to keep secret their homosexuality in fear of it damaging their careers." Well, maybe so. It is a slightly disingenuous gesture for many of the signatories to so act, for their status as gays in most cases was already well known, and it would be improbable for any of them to be stigmatised in a profession where each has already an established reputation. It is more difficult to imagine that this is equally true of lesser mortals, and this point was reflected in other correspondence which accompanied this celebrated letter. There is no doubt at all that Sir Ian fully deserves all the credit he has been given for his work as an artist, and as much for his gay rights campaigning too. But as another correspondent remarked though, "It has long been the practice of the Establishment to hand out trinkets and baubles to popular activists" and through such actions, the Establishment

has found a means whereby the cutting edge of such radicals is blunted and deflected.

In a further letter a few days later, Derek Jarman underlined this point himself: "Do the McKellen 18 seriously say to ... people' Come out! Sir Ian has shown that you're safe. It won't damage your career.' Of course not." There is no doubt that actions speak louder than words, and covert actions even more so. The record of the present Government has without exception been singularly homophobic. Past and pending legislation is without doubt a threat to the rights of gays, and when combined with prejudice in public places, and an evident distaste for PWA's (of which Derek Jarman is one) there is undoubtedly cause for concern. It will probably be the case that many of the public figures I've alluded to are unknown to a large degree in the US, but I wonder if the alarm signals which this debacle sound are more likely to have an echo. The lack of urgency and commitment to adequate public funding for basic health care and assistance for PWAs seem to be a common concern everywhere, varying only in scale but not urgency from one continent to another. Here it is often difficult not to feel that there has been little or no progress in decades of effort and campaigning against grass-roots prejudice. We need radicals like Derek Jarman (you in the USA will have your own) to prick the conscience and stir the lethargy of the silent majority.

Much of this is a legacy from the Thatcher era with all its ethos of conservative fundamentalism. Here we have a new Prime Minister, himself probably virtually unknown to all but political cognoscenti in the USA and in many respects not much better here. He is, by reputation, more favourably inclined to liberal thinking on gay rights than his predecessor, and is reputed to have stated on the record, that he would favour reduction of the age of consent to 18 (it's still 21 for gays in UK). However, actions do speak for themselves, and with a General Election in the offing within the next year or so, any such a move is unlikely in the extreme. The rest of the political Establishment must be moved first, and this is the proverbial mountain indeed. But let us hope for better things. Meanwhile, it is disheartening for many who would not wish to see the modest progress of past years, in which they may have had some part, however small, to be swept away. The McKellen affair, in it's curious way, illustrates the traps into which it is so easy to fall. Derek Jarman's final words say it better than anything else: "I think that he [Sir Ian] will find that most of those who have fought for gay recognition for the past 20 years, not just in most recent times, will feel the same way I do. Why did you accept this award, Ian? It has diminished you."

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Call Don (WB6LYI) at 213-494-6765.

The Cat That Knew Morse Code

By Jody Nelis, Jr., K3JZI (Reprinted by permission of Worldradio, 2120 28th St., Sacramento, CA 95818)

This is the strange story as told by the radio officer of a ship.

This radio officer adopted a black cat named Maggie, and it became fascinated by the loudspeaker in the ship's radio room. The cat used to spend hours sitting in front of the speaker, just as though it was in cat heaven.

The radio officer, during the long night watches with nothing to do, got the idea to teach the cat the ship's call sign as an experiment. For weeks he initiated the ship's call on a buzzer, simultaneously tapping the cat's right forepaw on the office table.

After a short time, sure enough, that cat would recognize the ship's call when other ships called it and it would stand up and

meow. When the operator turned in at night, he used to leave the speaker on, with Maggie the black cat keeping guard and wearing a happy expression.

Early one morning, weeks later in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, the radio officer awoke to find Maggie on his bunk frantically pawing his face. So he dashed to the radio room and discovered another of the company's ships calling for medical assistance for one of its firemen, who had symptoms of appendicitis.

This story is the cat's meow and the radio officer swears it's the truth. This reporter suggests the cat's unofficial call might be "K8AT." ° Greater Pittsburgh VHF Society Inc., Trafford, PA

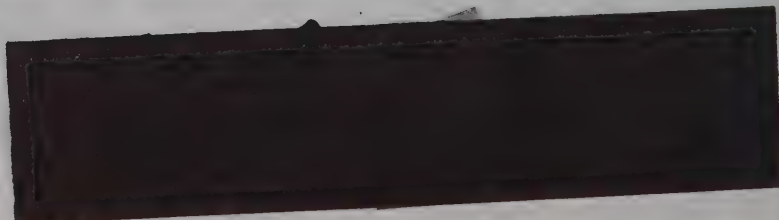
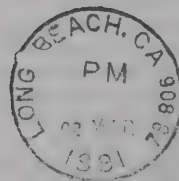


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Net Newsbits

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

LARC Profiled in Monitoring Times

The Lambda Amateur Radio Club received excellent publicity in the November issue of Monitoring Times, where several paragraphs of a feature article called "What's Your Specialty?" were devoted to a history of LARC, including quotes from Jim (KK3K), and ending with the mailing address for National LARC. The rest of the article dealt with specialization within the amateur radio hobby. This is certainly a different, if amiable, viewpoint of ham radio's multi-faceted nature! (excerpted from the December issue of the GGC Chapter newsletter - Don (W6DBZ), Editor)

No-Code License Class Established By FCC

After years of discussion and controversy, The FCC has taken the bull by the horns and established a no-code license. Details are still emerging, however it appears that the Technician Class will be split into two groups. Those who wish a no-code Technician Class license will be required to pass a 55 question examination. They will be granted operating privileges above 30 MHZ. Those who want can take a 5 WPM code test and receive all current Technician Class HF privileges. Current Technician Class licensees will be grandfathered so that they will retain their operating privileges below 30 MHZ and will not have to take or re-take any examinations. The Novice Class will be retained with a code test and operating privileges as it is currently. The effective

date for the change to the new no-code structure is February 14, 1991.

1991 Membership Renewal Drive Continues

A reminder that it's time to renew your membership in LARC for 1991. Dues are \$15.00 per year and this includes your subscription to the Lambda Net News. Remember, we must receive a completed renewal form from you if you wish to remain on the active roster and receive your copy of the newsletter each month.

Dayton Rooms Going Fast!

Reminder number two: all members who wish to reserve a spot in one of the LARC rooms at the Dayton Econo-Lodge must complete a reservations form ASAP and return it with a \$30.00 deposit per person. Deadline for reservations is January 31, 1991. Rooms in Dayton are extremely difficult to obtain. You must complete this form and return it with your deposit NOW if you wish to stay in one of our rooms. DEADLINE JANUARY 31!

LARC HF Net Activity Continues As Cycle 22 Peaks

Reports indicate that we may now be experiencing the peak of sunspot cycle 22. LARC net activity is at an all time high. Transatlantic contacts are routine each Sunday. Stations heard include: G4ILW, GØBEV, G4JED, GMØKWL, G4JED/W7, WA6FXL, WB6YYZ, W9BVD, KI4ZN, KA4PNO, WD4IJV, WA1VEC, KK3K, WAØCFQ, KC3XC, N4JB, WA6MXR, K3ATI, WM2D,

Introduction to Packet — Part 15

By Larry Kenney

LARC Packet Coordinator

(WB9LOZ, San Francisco, CA)

WØRLI, N6VV, and VE3GYQ have devised a scheme called **HIERARCHICAL ADDRESSING**. With hierarchical routing designators we have an opportunity to improve traffic routing. No longer will a missing call in a BBS forwarding file cause a message to remain unforwarded, sysops will no longer have to burn the midnight oil trying to keep their forward files up to date, and messages will move much more directly toward their destination.

The format for hierarchical routing is:

addressee @ BBScall.#local area.state-
province.country.continent

It might look complicated, but it's not. First, note that each section of the format is separated by a period. Codes used for the continents and countries are standards, now accepted throughout the world. You should be able to find a list of them in the file section of your BBS. State and province codes are the recognized two-character codes established by the American and Canadian Post Offices. These may be found in the Callbook, your phone directory, or any zip code listing. The code for local area or county is optional, since most of you have no idea what code is being used back in upper New York state or in Iowa City, IA. If you know it, use it, since it will help get the message closer to where it's going. The code for Northern California is #NOCAL, and the code for Southern California is #SOCAL. You should use the appropriate one in your signature line.

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President's Key

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)
LARC President

There has been much happening lately. The FCC got tired of all the bickering and just went ahead and did it. Now we have, finally, a no-code license class. Most of what I have seen and heard about it since the announcement has been positive. Many hams are hoping to see an influx of new technically oriented or computer oriented people into the hobby now that they won't have to bother to learn the code. The new no-code technicians will not be able to operate on the HF bands, but they will have 2 meters. We'll have to watch developments closely to gauge the impact that this new structure will have on the hobby.

LARC got some nice, positive publicity in the publication Monitoring Times in November. What a pleasant surprise! This came about as a result of a press release sent out by our hard working club VP and PR man, Don (WB6LYI). We're chipping away at the wall, guys and gals!

Does anyone have a copy of the November issue of Monitoring Times? If so, would you please send a copy to me at the club POB. I'd like to write a thank you note to the editor, but I need to read the write-up first.

Several people have volunteered to help out with membership secretarial duties. It looks like we'll be expanding the LARC executive committee to include membership secretaries for several geographic areas of the country. This will make things a little more personalized and it will involve more people in running the club and making decisions, all of which is good.

By the time you read this, we may be at war. I hope not. I'm no fan of bully-boy and madman Hussein, but this war is not in our country's best interest. Also, I just read a very thought provoking article that pointed out how a wartime climate is not good for minorities. It would not be good for gays and lesbians just at a time when we are beginning to make a little progress in some difficult areas such as the military. I can't believe that we have so soon forgotten the lessons we learned not even 30 years ago in southeast Asia. Are we doomed to continue to repeat the same mistakes over and over again?

de KK3K

CQ DX

By Tom Hendrix (KI4ZN, LARC Secretary, Winter Springs, FL)

An issue back or so, we promised you a list of NETS to aid in acquiring DX stations and information on future planned DX scheduled activities. At last, with the holiday rush behind us, we can concentrate on "things to do."

| NET NAME | FREQ. (MHz) | DAYS | UTC |
|------------------------|-------------|--------|------|
| Afrika | 21.355 | Daily | 1800 |
| Asia Net | 14.280 | Sunday | 0700 |
| N. America | 28.450 | Daily | 2359 |
| Ten Meter Youth | | | |
| 2300 Net | 28.390 | Daily | 2300 |
| Denny's Net | 21.335 | Daily | 1900 |
| Family Net (W7PHO) | 14.222 | Daily | 1100 |
| Pacific DX Net | 14.265 | TF | 0530 |
| HI DX Net | 14.226 | Daily | 1900 |
| International SSTV Net | 14.230 | Sat | 1100 |

The following frequencies are provided for monitoring only and may be of interest to you:

Radio Free Kuwait

9750, 11990, 13610, 13620, 15345, 15495, 15505, 17850, 17885, 17895

Radio Bagdad

0130-0330 UTC: 13660, 11755, 11830

Radio Tehran

1130-1225 UTC: 9575, 9705, 11715, 11790, 11940

1930-2030 UTC: 9022, 6035

Mars Phone Patches - 14.463

Army Corps of Engineers - 9130, 11425

U.S. Navy - 12215, 23315 (all USB)

Military Air Lift - 9130, 11100, 11176

Strategic Air Command - 4725, 6761, 9027, 11243, 13241, 17975

USAF Global - Thule, Greenland - 13201, 8967, 6738

Turkey - 23227, 15015, 13214, 11176, 6738, 3074

England - 13214, 11176, 9011, 6750, 5703, 3067

There must be some of you who know and can contribute additional data. If so, it will be published in a subsequent issue. We would like to establish a data base for DXCC holders. Please provide your membership number.

73 and gud DX

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Net Newbits

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Chapter News

The COBL (City of Brotherly Love, Phila.) Chapter will resume meetings in February.

Potomac (Wash., DC) Chapter members continue their informal monthly dinner outings and special events.

The Rochester chapter is also meeting regularly.

The Golden Gate Chapter(SF) planned a business meeting for January 10 to plan activities for 1991. The GGC publishes its own excellent newsletter monthly.

New Members

Welcome to the following new members of LARC: Bret Marquis (WA6QDV), San Diego; Michael O'Donnell (KC6MWB), Beverly Hills; Jerry Ballard (N4JB), Germantown, NC; Keith Potter (KA4PNO), Johnson City, TN; DR. John Nelson, Jr. (NØJCQ), Liberty, MO; Roberta Perkins (N3CUD), Wilmington, DE; Ray Dabkowski (N8KBF), Chesterland, OH; John Stanton (KD9GD), Ripon, WI.

Member Correspondence

From Bob (WB6YYZ): While writing the check for the LARC renewal, I thought about the trips I had been on in 1990 that other LARC members might be interested in. The first was a trip to Hawaii, with Larry (KB6HRZ), while not officially a LARC member, Larry often checks into our 10 meter SSB net. The most interesting part of the trip RF-wise was a tour of radio station WWVH at Barking Sands Missile Base on the Island of Kauai. The chief engineer was there, and we swapped war stories about our various transmitters. The rest of my travels were for various club runs; Somandros' "Desert Captive Weekend III", the 15 assn's "Boot Camp II" and finally, CHC's "Inferno XIX" considered to be the ultimate S&M run in the world. That tale takes 14 single spaced pages, so it won't appear here. Needless to say, I'm planning on going to Inferno XX, as well as the other club runs, and if budget permits, Amsterdam is on the itinerary for 1991.

Philip(WD4IJV) writes that he was glad to see the LARC write-up in Monitoring Times since North Carolina,

where MT is published is such conservative territory. He also suggests that LARC members consider the Charleston and Savannah areas for vacationing because there are lots of beautiful homes to see and much history.

LARC members Jim (KK3K) and Rick (K2JOZ) are looking for at least one more member to join them on a DXpedition to St. Pierre and Miquelon, off the coast of Newfoundland, sometime in 1991. Contact Rick or Jim for more information.

Jerry (N4JB) is looking for other LARC members for QSOs on 17 meters. Jerry will monitor 18.160 on Sundays at 18:00 Zulu looking for contacts with other LARC members.

A first! LARC members make contact via Satellite. Kit (WB6QVU) and Jim (KK3K) made contact via Oscar 13, mode J/L on December 5, 1990. Kit was uplinking on mode L (1296 MHz), and Jim on 70cm (mode J).

Derek (G4JKE/W7) has been a regular check-in from his mobile QTH in Yuma, AZ. Now when you hear an English accent on LARC nets you can't assume its a transatlantic contact!

Dale (WAØCFQ) spent the holidays on the west coast and checked into the HF nets Sunday, December 30 from the QTH of Larry (WB9LOZ) and Bill (K9AT).

Tom (KI4ZN) and Dick are moving again! The new QTH is even bigger and better with pool, more ground and more rooms.

Congratulations to retiree Irv (AF2K) who will be barnstorming south from Rochester visiting LARC members enroute to Florida in January.

Welcome to Keith (KA4PNO) one of our newer members who has been checking into the nets from Johnson City, TN.

Corrections

The Dayton housing reservations form listed an incorrect postal zip code for LARC Dayton housing coordinator Howard (W9BVD). Howard's correct zip code is 22305, not 23305. A previous newsletter listed an incorrect packet BBS address for Stuart (GØBEV). Stuart's correct PBBS address is GØBEV @ GB7NCL. The December 1990 Lambda Net News information box on page 2 listed an incorrect area code for the LARC telephone hotline. The correct area code is 215, not 213.

Potomac Chapter Activities

By Howard Wyman (W9BVD, Alexandria, VA)

On Saturday, December 1st, members of the Potomac Chapter of LARC and friends got together at "The Last Resort," the mountain cabin of Dick Cassidy (N3IAH) located on Blue Mountain in the Appalachians near Linden, Virginia, for a post-Thanksgiving feast. It was a potluck dinner which gave the members a chance to show off their culinary skills, or marketing prowess, as the case may be. It was a pleasant crisp day and a crackling fire in the fireplace made the atmosphere complete. Those in attendance were Dick (N3IAH); his friend Bill White who also has a cabin in the area; Dick Wareing (K3AKK) and his friend Joe; Mark Wilcox (KC3XC), and friend Ted Lovett; Gary Begin (WA1EIG), with friend Mike; Gerry Gantt (WA4MKL); Bob Bowis (WB4KLJ), and Howard Wyman (W9BVD).

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Introduction to Packet Radio — Part 15

For messages going outside of the US or Canada, the local area is optional and the state is eliminated.

Using the hierarchical format, here are some routing examples:

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WB9LOZ @ W6PW.#NOCAL.CA.USA.NA
N6KZB @ KD6SQ.#SOCAL.CA.USA.NA
KC3XC @ N4QQ.MD.USA.NA
JA1ABC @ JA1KSO.#42.JPN.AS
VK4AHD @ AX4BBS.AUS.AU
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You'll note that the local area code is preceded by the octothorpe #. (Now, how's that for a \$5 word?) The reason is that the Japanese network, and possibly other areas, want to use routing numbers for the local area/county code, which could get confused with zip and postal codes. Using the # on all local area codes will eliminate forwarding problems.

We need to emphasize two very important points: hierarchical addressing DOES NOT indicate a forwarding PATH, and ONLY ONE BBS call should be included in the address. A list of BBS calls separated by dots will not get your message to its destination. The addressing scheme is said to be one area inside another area. Using my hierarchical address as an example,

WB9LOZ @ W6PW.#NOCAL.CA.USA.NA, here's how you would describe the address: "WB9LOZ at W6PW which is in Northern California which is in California which is in the USA which is in North America."

There are several BBS programs that implement hierarchical addressing now, including the WØRLI, AA4RE and WD6CMU software. Check the ID block you receive when you log into your BBS.

If it has an H in it, such as [RLI-9.07-CH\$] or [4RE-02.4-HM\$], your system supports it.

This next section explains how the BBS software uses the hierarchical addressing scheme. We first have to understand how the software goes about matching items in the "@ BBS" address with items in the forward file. For an example, let's say that we send a message to Tom, W3IWI, who operates his own BBS and is located near Baltimore, Maryland. We would enter:

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SP W3IWI @ W3IWI.MD.USA.NA
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If the only entries in the forward file are California BBSs plus a list of state abbreviations, let's see how the message would be forwarded. The first thing the software does is attempt to find a match between the items in the forward file and the left-most item in the address field. In our case, it would not find W3IWI. If there isn't a match, it then moves to the next section to the right. It would find MD and that match would allow the message to be forwarded. If it had found the call W3IWI, that entry would take precedence (because it is more left in the field than MD) and would of course also ensure delivery.

Here are some comments from the ones who devised the hierarchical addressing:

"There is another added benefit to this scheme. It involves Gatewaying between the BBS world and other networks, such as TCP/IP via SMTP. Much of the pioneer work in setting up the gatewaying protocols has been done by NN2Z, N3EUA, and PA0GRI, amongst others.

The WORLI BBS package allows for the forwarding of mail between the BBS world and the SMTP world. Of note the fact that the WA7MBL package has allowed such message exporting and importing for some time now. This means that we can take advantage of the the TCP/IP host-names and their domain or hierarchal format for forwarding. So it is possible to send mail from the BBS to VE3BTZ as ve3btz@pc.ve3btz.ampr.org or from SMTP to wØrli@wØrli.ca.usa.na and not have any ambiguity."

"We expect that WA7MBL will also be implementing hierarchal routing in the near future. This system is still compatable with older style systems, as a system that handles hierarchal forwarding identifies with the H feature letter: [RLI-8.00-CH\$]. If it does not get an appropriate response, it uses the left-most item in the "@ BBS" string as the "@ BBS" for the message."

"The authors hope that this paper will serve as a starting place for improved message routing by means of implicit routing. Low-level (VHF) BBSs need only maintain state or province or country codes for distant BBSs, and route such traffic to their nearest HF Gateway. In turn, the HF station routes it to the desired state, where the receiving Gateway station would have a detailed list of the BBSs it serves."

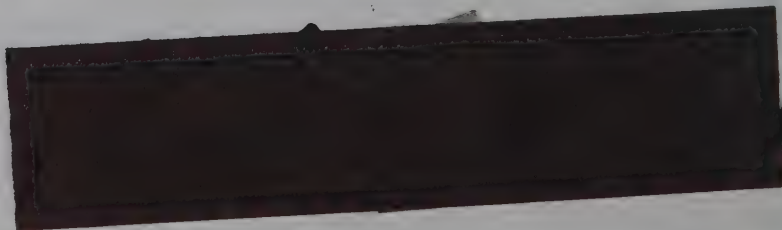
Comments from WØRLI, N6VV and VE3GYQ.

73, Larry

WB9LOZ @ W6PW.#NOCAL.CA.USA.NA

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To encourage club members and other interested amateurs to work other LARC members using different modes.

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6. 10 States with additional endorsements available for Each additional group of 5 states in which a LARC members is worked.

Rules

1. All contacts must be made after May 1, 1988.
2. All contacts must be two-way.
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- b. Signal reports are required except for packet and 2 meter FM contacts. However, no minimum signal report is required.

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 - c. Mode (if applicable)
 - d. Applicant's signature and date.
4. The log sheet should list for each contact:
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 - b. Callsign of contact
 - c. Frequency
 - d. Signal report (if applicable)
 - e. Mode
 - f. State (if applicable)

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Each year, LARC will award a trophy or plaque to the LARC member who has received the most endorsements during the year. The award will be presented yearly at the Dayton Hamvention. The dates of record for this award will be March 1 to February 28 of each year. Applications must be received by the award program administrator between these dates to qualify for this award. In case of a tie, multiple awards will be presented.

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| Callsign | Award Desired | | |
| Name | Endorsement

Mode | | |
| Address | | | |
| City, State, Postal/Zip Code | | | |
| Province/Country | | | |
| I certify that the information is true as shown on the log sheet.

Applicant's Signature | | Date of Application | |

LOG SHEET

| Date of Contact | Callsign of Contact | Frequency | Signal Report | Mode | State |
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Send completed application to:

Tom Hendrix (KI4ZN)
LARC Awards Program Administrator
270 E. Bahama Road
Winter Springs, FL 32708

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Net Newsbits

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

1991 Membership Renewal Drive Commences

It's time to renew your membership in LARC for 1991. Dues are \$15.00 per year and this includes your subscription to the Lambda Net News. The largest share of each member's dues is allocated to the production and distribution of our newsletter. Remember that the U.S. Postal Service has already announced a substantial increase in postage rates that will be going into effect soon. Please use the renewal form provided with this newsletter for your renewal. Remember, we must receive a completed renewal form from you if you wish to remain on the active roster and receive your copy of the newsletter each month.

LARC Officers Unopposed for 1991-1992 Term

The current slate of LARC Officers are declared re-elected to office for the 1991-1992 term. Since only the current Officers were nominated to continue in office, an election is unnecessary. Officers who will remain in office are LARC President Jim (KK3K), Vice President Don (WB6LYI), and Treasurer Tom (KI4ZN). LARC Secretary Bob (KA8UHL) has indicated his intention to resign from his position as Secretary to pursue his duties as head of the Cleveland Gay and Lesbian Community Center. LARC President Jim (KK3K) plans to appoint a replacement for Bob (KA8UHL) and Jim would welcome volunteers to fill this important club position. Interested members please contact Jim via the LARC Hotline (215) 967-LARC or club PO box.

Make Your Dayton 1991 Room Reservation Now

With this newsletter you will find a copy of the LARC Dayton Hamvention 1991 Housing Form. All members who wish to reserve a spot in one of the LARC rooms at the Dayton Econo-Lodge must complete this form now and return it with a \$30.00 deposit per person. Deadline for reservations is January 31, 1991. Rooms in Dayton are extremely difficult to obtain. You must complete this form and return it with your deposit NOW if you wish to stay in one of our rooms. DEADLINE JANUARY 31!

ARRL Director Heyn (WA6WZO) Responds To LARC

Copies of the special Dayton issue of the Lambda Net News were mailed to all Directors of the American Radio League in November. A cover letter from LARC President Jim (KK3K) chided ARRL officials over the refusal of the League to run a LARC classified ad. The letter pointed out that the League should support the efforts of all organizations working to strengthen the hobby. ARRL Southwestern Division Director Fried Heyn (WA6WZO) sent a card in reply thanking us for the newsletter copy and wishing us good luck. His note of encouragement is an important development in our effort to reverse the League's discriminatory policy toward LARC.

Wayne Green (WA2NSD/1) Responds to LARC

Wayne Green (WA2NSD/1), publisher of 73 Amateur Radio Today magazine,

International Hosts Exchange Revisited

By Tom Hendrix (KI4ZN, ex WØLXZ, W4SDH, W5CTK, Winter Springs, FL)

This has been a fun summer in Florida as a result of my joining International Travel Host Exchange last year. Not too many radio amateurs are aware of ITHE which is sponsored by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) and other national radio organizations including VK3CIT in Australia for the Wireless Institute of Australia.

ITHE is a non-commercial, voluntary scheme. Interested radio amateurs list their call, names, telephone numbers, addresses, language spoken and state if they can provide lodging and board or can merely show them the local sights. The list is available by personal application to the national organization (in our case the ARRL). The applicant may or may not reciprocate the hospitality. A prospective host is anyone who would like to meet an overseas radio amateur and is prepared to offer a spare bed for a night or so. This plan speaks to people who may have enough money for plane fare and normal expenses but not enough to cover hotel and food expenses.

My location here in Winter Springs, Florida (North Orlando Florida) has international tourist attractions such as Disney's Magic Kingdom, Epcot Center, MGM and Universal Studios, Sea World and even farther afield the Kennedy Space Center attracts a large number of amateurs from around the world.

Our QTH is located about 30 miles from Disney World and has facilities to

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President's Key

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

President, Lambda Amateur Radio Club

There are two ways of looking at the fact that no one decided to nominate anyone different to run for LARC President, Vice President and Secretary. One way of looking at it is that since we're doing such a great job, why rock the boat? That's OK, I guess. The other way of looking at it is that there simply just isn't a lot of interest either way, sort of like in local and national politics where it's difficult to get people out to vote. That's a bit more of a problem. Your LARC Officers have been struggling to find ways to involve more people in guiding and running the club, but it's a difficult thing to do. We'll keep trying.

Having said this, I am happy to continue on as LARC President for the next two years. I am particularly delighted that Don (WB6LYI) and Tom (KI4ZN) have also agreed to continue on as Vice President and Treasurer. I couldn't do it without them. Bob (KA8UHL) who has done such an excellent job as Secretary has indicated that he intends to resign due to the time demands that his position as head of Cleveland's gay and lesbian community center places upon him. I can't thank him enough for his help and I know we'll be able to count on his help again whenever we need it.

I do need a volunteer to accept an appointment as LARC Secretary. This is an important job. The main responsibility is to answer and screen people who inquire about our club. In addition, the Secretary participates in our decisions as a member of the Executive Committee of LARC. If you've ever wanted to help out, and you have a little extra time (an hour or so a week), then please consider helping us out now. If you would like to discuss the job or volunteer, call me around net time on the LARC hotline or write. Please give it a try; we do need your help!

de KK3K

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accommodate several guests at the same time. It is a 5 bedroom house located on about 3 acres of land with a large swimming pool.

As a result, we have had three groups, all different in several ways, visit this year. The first was a family consisting of Frank (DD7OR), his XYL, and two young sons, Philip and Peter.

They arrived in early May just after our return from Dayton. Per prior agreement, they rented a car at the International Airport and we talked them into our QTH via a local repeater on 2 meters.

They were on their own while visiting the major tourist attractions. We have seen them all. Instead, we opted to show them offbeat local places. Included was Wekiva Springs State Park located about 5 miles from our QTH. It consists of a beautiful spring fed river suitable for year round swimming, snorkeling, picnic facilities, camping, canoeing and nature trails (15 miles).

Also we explored Flea World which claims to be the world's largest flea market and a local T-Shirt Silk Screening factory. This location has been very attractive since it provided economical souvenirs for carrying back home.

Since his return to Germany, we have had a nice letter from Frank and his family and are pleased to note that number one son Philip now swims without water wings.

The second group consisting of Christian Schobel (OE5CVM) and his friend from Austria, Mario. These two guys had guts and could be classified as modern day adventurers. Since they were under 25 years of age, car rental agencies would not rent them an automobile, so they bought a car in the Bronx for \$2000.00. They traveled the length and breadth of the United States. They covered all the parts of the United States from the East Coast, the West Coast, and back down here to Florida. They expected to sell their automobile prior to departure.

The third group we were more involved with since they were traveling on AMTRAK. We had a long standing agreement with Dirk (Y21ST) from (then EAST) Germany to meet him at the station in Orlando. We would identify each other by his having a green back pack and me with my call sign on. I forgot to mention that he had called

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Net Newbits

received a copy of our special Dayton newsletter and sent in the following comments: "Thanks for your letter and newsletter - it looks fine - you're doing a great job. A newsletter is critically important for any group. Glad 73 was able to help get more members and sorry you've had so much frustration. Best regards, Wayne."

LARC HF Net Activity Peaking

Propagation for LARC HF nets has been excellent throughout the fall of 1990. Stateside there were 15 check-ins on September 16; 10 on September 30; 11 on October 14; 12 on October 21; and 15 again on November 11. Transatlantic propagation has also been excellent with successful nets occurring with record signal reports just about every Sunday between the States and the UK. We are perhaps experiencing the peak of the current sunspot cycle during these months. All LARC members are strongly urged to check in to our HF nets each Sunday while the excellent conditions continue on HF.

LARC 10 Meter Calling Frequency

Wayne (WA6FXL) suggests that LARC members use the 10 meter frequency 29.185 mhz as a calling frequency and as an alternate frequency for our regularly scheduled 10 meter HF net when conditions, QRM or contest activity warrants. This frequency was utilized by the club as long as 10 years ago for regular nets. Wayne reports that he regularly monitors this frequency and he invites LARC members to call in anytime.

Chapter News

The COBL (City of Brotherly Love, Philadelphia) Chapter met in November and has planned another meeting for December. Rochester chapter members on October 19 and continue to meet on the third Friday of every month.

GGC (Golden Gate Chapter, San Francisco) members are celebrating their forth year of existence as a LARC Chapter. The Chapter continues its regular monthly meetings, social events and excellent newsletter.

Potomac (Washington, DC) Chapter members continue their informal monthly dinner outings.

Hollywood Chapter (Los Angeles, CA) will have its Christmas meeting at the home of Rick Fearn (K6VE) and Larry Dean (KC6NVL) on December 16th. Members are providing potluck dishes, a white elephant gift exchange item,

and all will watch a movie in Rick's theatre. All LARC members are invited to attend — just RSVP to Larry at (213) 257-9999.

Member Correspondence

Eric (WAØKVD) has checked into recent LARC HF nets on 10 meters from his temporary home QTH in Hawaii.

Welcome to new LARC UK member Rob (GW3TSH).

Rich (AA1Z) and Bill (N7MNT) planned an eyeball QSO for the weekend of October 21 in Portland, OR. They will be attending the National Leather Association convention.

Beantown member Dave (N1BHU) has recently upgraded to Extra Class. Dave is also Secretary of the American Red Cross Amateur Radio Club chapter as well as a civil defense officer for the State of Mass. civil defense organization.

Congratulations to Bob (WB6YYZ) who is a regular check-in to all LARC HF nets from California. Bob recently became the first west coast LARC member to work our UK members James (G4ILW) and Stuart (GØBEV) on SSB. Great show, Bob!

Our man in Puerto Rico Edwin (WB4CYF) has checked out the club's 13 wpm code tapes from the LARC lending library. Edwin plans to upgrade and he sends his best regards along to all LARC members. Good luck, Edwin!

The club recently received a request for information from Caracas, Venezuela, from Gino, YV5GSZ.

Congratulations to John (N2JFD) who has sent in his application for DXCC. John also sent in a clipping from the October issue of Worldradio. A silent key article on page 28 profiles a Michigan ham who died of AIDS but John points out that there was no mention of the possible explanations for how he got AIDS (unsafe sex, drug addiction, etc.), or the fact that he might have been gay. Makes you wonder.

Packet radio paths between the US and the UK, Sweden and Finland are working well. Address your packet messages to: SM6MLB @ SM6LK; OH1BM @ OH1AA, and GØBEV @ GB7NTL.

Reports and inquiries indicate that an article about LARC has appeared in the monthly magazine Monitoring Times, which is aimed at the short wave listening hobby.

Kit (WB6QVU) is active on OSCAR 13, mode L, which is 1296 mhz up and 440 mhz down. There are two LARC members with satellite capability: Kit and Jim (KK3K).

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earlier asking that two other people be invited. They were Ray Haste from New Zealand and Angie Doggett from England. Of course, they were asked to come along.

These are outstanding young people. They spent 16 weeks as camp counselors at Camp Stewart in Texas in the Kerrville area. They also traveled the USA from up state New York, Canada, Chicago, Montana, Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Houston, New Orleans, and Florida.

What a great time we had. I gave them the usual T-Shirt factory and Wekiva Springs tour but added some extras. We went to the Kennedy Space Center (first time I had been there), and then to Daytona Beach to swim in the Atlantic (their first time). We thoroughly enjoyed their company and hope that we can meet up with them again.

Conclusion ... don't hesitate to become a member of ITHE. As a result of our experience, we plan to go to Europe next May and hopefully we will meet our friends again.

Introduction to Packet Radio — Part 14

By Larry Kenney (WB9LOZ, San Francisco, CA)

How did you do on the review quiz in the previous part of this series?

If you haven't taken it, you might want to read part 13 and take the quiz before reading any further. Here are the correct answers and the series part number where you can read more about the subject:

1. Answer C is correct. The three TNC modes of communication are Command, Converse and Transparent. Command mode is for communicating with the TNC. The Converse mode is for normal QSOs, connects to a BBS or mailbox, etc. and Transparent mode is used for binary file transfer. (Part 2)

2. The UNPROTO command is used for setting the transmit path for both beacons and CQs. (Parts 3 and 11)

3. The CHECK command is used for setting a timeout value in your TNC. If set to a value other than zero, the TNC will attempt to recover a connection after a certain specified time if nothing is received from the other station. This command is used in combination with the AX25L2V2 command. (Part 11)

4. The MCON command (Monitor while CONnected) is used to monitor other traffic on the frequency while you're connected to another station. (Part 4)

5. When monitoring, the asterisk indicates the station that you actually hear the packet from. The MRPT command must be ON for the monitor display to show digipeaters. (Part 4)

6. NET/ROM and TheNet nodes improve communications because packets are acknowledged from your station to the first node, and then node to node to

the destination. A packet doesn't have to reach the destination before an ack is returned. (Parts 6 and 7)

7. When using NET/ROM or TheNet (no matter who you're connected to) you disconnect by going to command mode on your TNC and sending a D, just like at other times. The fact that you're using several nodes or are connected to a distant station makes no difference. The network will take care of disconnecting all stations and links. (Parts 6 and 7)

8. N6ZYX-2 would appear as N6ZYX-13 if he connects to you using a node. The nodes change the SSID using the formula 15-N. (Part 6)

9. The two most probable causes for a packet not to get through are collisions with other packets on the frequency and noise due to weak signals. (Part 10)

10. BBS commands:

a. To receive a list of messages: L
b. To download a file in the General (G) directory called FCCEXAMS.89, you'd enter DG FCCEXAMS.89

c. To enter a private message to Jim, WA6DDM: SP WA6DDM @ W6PW (The "@ W6PW" is not needed if you're using the W6PW BBS.)

d. To read message 7134 with headers: RH 7134

e. To find out what stations were heard on port B of the BBS, you'd enter JB. (Part 5)

11. If you wanted to send a message to Tom Smith, 123 Main Street, in Keene, NH 03431, you would enter the following at the BBS prompt ST 03431 @ NTSNH (Part 8)

12. A message with a STATUS of BF means that the message is a bulletin and that it has been forwarded to all stations that are supposed to receive it from the BBS you're using. (Part 9)

13. Answer D is correct. The date/time of a message is the time the message was received at the BBS you're using. Please note that the date/time of a message does not indicate local time, zulu time, UTC, GMT, or whatever. It indicates the time that that BBS is set to. Most BBSs are now set to zulu time (UTC, GMT), but many still use local time. When you read a message, you should be able to get the date and time the message was written from the message header. (Part 9)

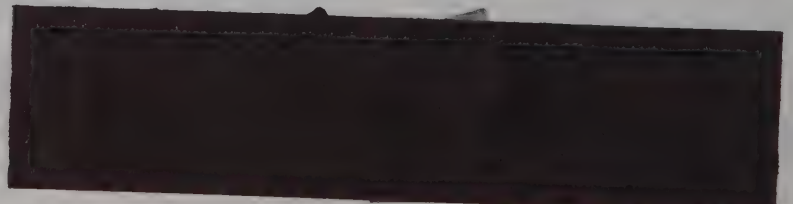
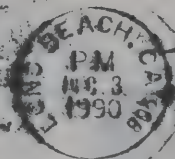
14. To find the call of the HOME BBS of your friends, use the White Pages Directory. If the BBS you're using has the WP feature enabled, you will find the I command to be useful, otherwise send an inquiry to WP. (Part 12)

15. BONUS: The maximum value for MAXFRAME is 7. MAXFRAME is the number of packets transmitted by your TNC contiguously, and the number of unacknowledged packets the TNC can have outstanding. You decrease MAXFRAME when conditions are poor. Your TNC will send fewer packets at one time, so there will be less information to collide with other packets on the frequency and less chance of information being wiped out by noise. (Part 11)

There is no passing grade on the quiz. It was designed for you to check your general packet knowledge, and you'll have to be your own judge of that.

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Net Newsbits

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

LARC Ad Runs in Swedish Magazine

LARC member Tomas (SM6MLB) has inserted an ad in the Swedish gay magazine *Reporter*. LARC has already received a response to the ad from one of our newest members Kari (OH1BM), who lives in Finland. Congratulations on Tomas for his fine efforts on behalf of LARC in Sweden!

LARC in Bulgaria!

Several members of the student amateur radio club at the Technical University in Russe, Bulgaria, are interested in LARC, according to new member Milen (LZ1MP). Milen has joined LARC and a packet of information is on the way to him so that he can share it with the other interested students. Listen up for check-ins from Bulgaria!

LARC HF Nets Heating Up Again

The onset of fall has brought back improved HF propagation and LARC nets are getting back into high gear. Regular check-ins on the LARC transatlantic skeds include G4ILW, GØBEV, WM2D, AF2K, K3ATI, KK3K, WAØCFQ and KI4ZN. Stateside nets are also gearing up again. Calls heard include: WA6FXL, AA1Z/6, WA6MXR, WB6YYZ, N7MNT, N5MVI, W9BVD, WA1VEC, W6DBZ, KCØK, WA4ITY, KC3XC, WB5MEI, and KK6JD. It's time to dust off the rig and join the fun!

WAØMBC Memorial Held

A memorial service for LARC member Hershel Jackson (WAØMBC) was held at the Third Baptist Church in St. Louis on

Thursday, September 6, 1990. Hershel died of AIDS on Sunday, August 26. Hershel's mother, Mrs. William F. Jackson, in a letter to LARC member Dale (WAØCFQ), said that Hershel "so enjoyed the hamfests that he could go to." Hershel regularly attended LARC activities at the Dayton Hamvention in past years.

Dayton Group Photo Available

Anyone wishing a color enlargement of the LARC group photo taken at the 1990 Dayton Hamvention can write to the club P.O. box and enclose \$7.50 which includes the cost of the enlargement plus mailing costs.

Chapter News

The Golden Gate Chapter (San Francisco) slated their October meeting for Thursday, October 11. The Chapter has a full slate of activities planned for the fall with members possibly attending the ARRL Pacific Division Convention in San Jose in mid October.

COBL (Philadelphia) Chapter members met on September 23 to view the antenna farm and operate the new Oscar satellite station at KK3K. The next COBL meeting is set for early November.

Rochester (NY) Chapter members also met on September 23.

Hollywood Chapter members convened their most recent meeting on October 27th at the site of the monthly TRW swap meet. After prowling the stalls for bargains, most gathered for breakfast at a local restaurant. The members also met with Fried Heyn, ARRL Southwestern Division Director, and thanked him for the support he has given LARC.

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Where Have All the Waves Gone?

By Stuart Hill (GØBEV, Newcastle, UK)

Those of us who try to be "regulars" on the trans-Atlantic nets may well have been wondering what has been going on. Indeed LARC members who read my last column in the Newsletter and followed my enjoinder at the end '...to turn your beams eastwards...' must surely have been a bit disappointed at the result. Not because we weren't here (or there, depending on how you look at it) but rather on account of what was going on in between. In fact while some of us over here in England have tried to keep as many of the skeds as possible, nevertheless HF propagation has been quite unhelpful for some time. (I have to admit to missing a few skeds myself. The shack renovation took over-long though the result was well worth it.) Poor days, or even weeks, seem to have outnumbered the good ones for quite a while. A look at my logbook quickly showed that this is not confined to LARC nets, and thus led me to look more closely at the reasons why. The analysis is quite interesting, and moreover has pointers as to how skeds should be managed during the next year or two.

The starting point was to get some quantitative data suitable for analysis. On a daily basis, propagation is an highly variable quantity, and since any discussion is necessarily of a statistical nature, only smoothed data is of much value when examining trends. Fortunately, a suitable source exists conveniently in the propagation probabilities published monthly by the RSGB (Radio Society of Great Britain) in

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President's Key

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

President, LARC

The other day I was jogging in the park and I thought of Hershel (WAØMBC) one of our members who died of AIDS in August. A smile came to my face. While I shall miss Hershel as much as anyone in the club, I have very fond recollections of him, and I am proud to have known him. I reflected upon the fact that anyone who joined LARC as a result of reading a LARC ad in The Advocate, or 73 Amateur Radio Today during the past several years has Hershel to thank for their association with the club, because Hershel paid for all of those magazine ads. Each year at Dayton he would take one of us aside and give us a check for a couple hundred dollars to be used for advertising for new members. He never wanted any recognition for his generosity and, in fact, insisted on remaining anonymous. His only concern was that we continue to advertise for new members and press our case forward so that any and all gay and lesbian hams would have the opportunity to join LARC. We anticipated Hershel's contributions each year, as if there would never come a year when Hershel would no longer be around to help us with a large contribution.

I looked forward to meeting Hershel each year in Dayton, because he and I would compare notes on "a few of our favorite things." One year we compared our nipple rings. He had a barbell stud right, and I had rings both left and right. But our most favorite topic had to do with "red hankie right" activities, which we both enjoyed. We shared that special knowing that only the initiated can relate to, and it was the substance of a special bond between us.

This is the second time this year that I have had to write in memory of a LARC member lost to AIDS. I hope it's the last time I have to do so ever. We'll miss you, Hershel. de KK3K

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their journal RadCom - no doubt some of you may have seen it. In fact similar data is published by most Societies and other sources too - I compared notes with some data from French publications and found very close agreement. Granted that such data is in the form of prediction, in fact I have found that as far as trends are concerned, it mirrors my own results quite well, if perhaps being a little optimistic at sometimes.

Since our skeds have been set at 15:00 GMT in recent times, the first step was to see how propagation varies throughout the year at around this time. Figure I shows how the probability varies monthly from July 1989 to July 1990 (when this was being written), at 14:00 & 16:00 GMT, between the UK and East & West Coasts of the USA. The data is for both 15 and 20 metres; 10 metres was set aside even though we have had a sked at this time, partly because propagation on that band is subject to greater short term variability than the others, and also because the aim is to look ahead a little to when Cycle 22 is on the way down, and we are obliged to move to lower frequencies. Probability here means the likelihood that there will be propagation taken over an extended period of time. Thus 20% means that over a period of say a month, there will be propagation on about six days, while 80% predicts about 24 days. The data is heavily smoothed to eliminate effects due to for example, solar flares, whilst

reflecting seasonal changes in the light of current sunspot levels. The data doesn't differentiate between northern and southern latitudes, and it doesn't try to predict how good propagation will be - though one may reasonably expect that the higher the probability, the better the quality of the circuit is likely to be.

A glance shows why recent skeds have been largely unsuccessful - during a month, there are four skeds, so generally speaking, we would require a probability of over 25% to be confident that contact could be made on at least one of them. To the East Coast, for example, that is only met between mid-October and mid-May around 15:00 GMT on 15 metres, and roughly November to January on 20 metres. The situation is a little less easily summed up as far as the West Coast is concerned. Looking back through the logs bears out this prediction quite well. Looking forward from now, it would appear that we might expect propagation to pick up markedly during the autumn & winter months, with the best performance to be expected, on current time skeds, on 15 metres from September onward until perhaps the Spring Equinox. When one looks at Contest Calendars, perhaps it's no wonder quite a few major events take place around that time.

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Net Newbits

Oscar Satellite Station Operational at KK3K

Jim (KK3K) has put his satellite station on the air. His first contact on Oscar 13 was Shoji (JA7EC) from Sendai, Japan. During his first week of operation on Oscar 13, Jim worked stations in the US, Japan, Germany, Finland, N. Ireland, Wales, Yugoslavia, France, Bulgaria, Aruba and a special event Oscar station in Zimbabwe (Z21SAT). Jim's station consists of a Yaesu FT-736R all-mode 2m/440 rig, Hy-Gain antennas for the uplink and downlink, and a Yaesu combination AZ/EL rotor. LARC members interested in more information on how to get on Oscar 13 or other hamsats can contact Jim for further information.

Member Correspondence

GGC members Francis (KB7IP) and Bill (WA6FSP) participated in Gay Games III held in Vancouver in August. Richard (KA7FYC) was hosted by several GGC members during his recent visit to San Francisco.

Both Tomas (SM6MLB) and Kari (OH1BM) can be reached via packet radio. Tomas' PBBS is SM6MLB-8, and Kari's is OH1AA or OH1AU. Stateside and European LARC members can also connect directly to Tomas through SK6SA on AMTOR and then thru the SK6SA VHF/UHF packet mailbox and node. James (G4ILW) has done this successfully from the UK.

Congratulations to Ken (N1HRZ), formerly unlicensed, who passed his novice and technician tests recently. Ken is working on his code speed and plans to go for General Class very soon.

James (G4ILW) and Stuart (GØBEV) are busy organizing the UK/Europe Chapter. Stuart just returned from a vacation in Portugal and he has submitted a fine article on HF propagation for publication in this newsletter.

Charlie (KCØK) was unable to attend the Midwest Men's Festival, where he had planned to set up a ham radio demo table and distribute LARC information. The Festival was forced to move from Missouri to Iowa due to the cancellation of their permit as a result of complaints by local residents about the nature of the event. The event did take place in Iowa but not without problems as police conducted a raid while the event was in progress.

Howard (W9BVD) spent two weeks on vacation at his parents in Illinois in September and he checked in to several LARC nets portable nine.

Kari (OH1BM) writes that there are a couple of other hams he knows in Finland who might be potential members of LARC and he has asked for membership applications for their use. LARC UK/Europe has signed up its first member Rob (GW3TSH) who found out about LARC while attending the Gay Freedom Day event in San Francisco this year.

Dale (WAØCFQ) visited the UK on vacation during August and met up with LARC UK members Keith (G4JED), Brian (GMØKWL), and James (G4ILW).

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In order to see if matters might be improved, Figure II sets out the propagation probabilities over a 24 hour period, to East & West Coasts, on both 15 and 20 metres, at four times of the year. I have much more data than this, but it could not be easily represented with clarity, so I have chosen January, April, July & October as representative. As easily seen, there are very marked seasonal as well as diurnal variations, and it is not easy to summarise in a few words. Considering our 15:15 GMT sked on 15 metres, it is clear that this is not too bad a compromise. Summer propagation is poor all ways round, but acceptable otherwise - East & West Coasts are to an extent mutually exclusive, but there is a case for choosing a time around 16:00 GMT, as the differences are likely to be overshadowed by daily fluctuations.

How will matters evolve during the rest of Cycle 22 ? It's perhaps worth considering in a bit more depth, just what factors affect propagation. This is a favourite topic of dispute between experts and amateurs alike, but I only wish to look at generalities. It's usually thought that propagation invariably gets better as sun-spot cycles peak, but that's by no means the whole story. When the sun reaches its maximum activity, the ionosphere can be a pretty stormy place and the effect on wave propagation may be far from helpful. There are two main processes involved in wave propagation through the atmosphere: reflection (or refraction perhaps) and absorption. Both are markedly affected by solar activity, and tend to rise and fall in parallel. For most effective DX, we need reflection from the highest layer possible at the most acute angle of incidence. The F2 layer of the atmosphere is the

highest, and its ionisation reaches a maximum when the intensity of solar radiation (mainly ultra-violet and X ray wavelengths) is greatest. This takes place at times of highest solar activity, at mid-summer, and during the middle of the day in that part of the atmosphere which is most directly facing the sun.

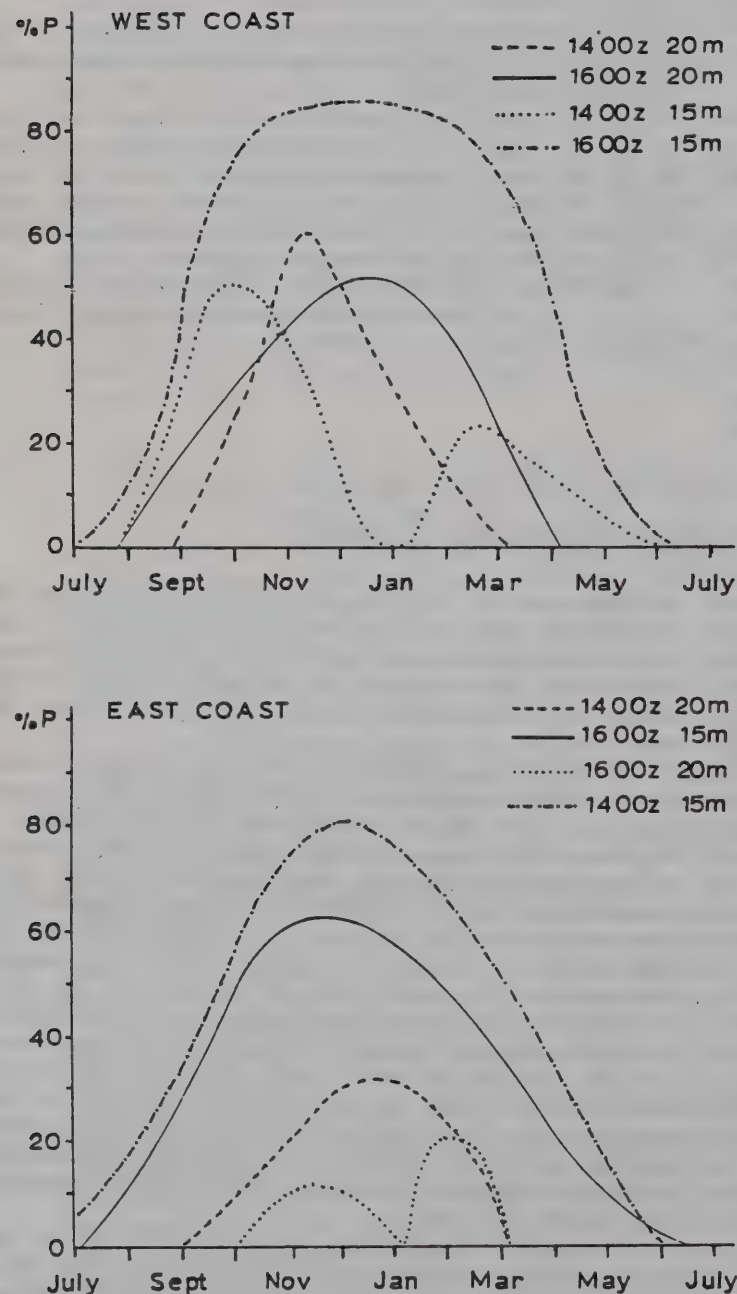
If that were all, prediction of radio wave propagation would be an easy matter. However, like most things in life, it's never that simple. The very same radiation also produces ionisation of the lower atmospheric layers, and because of the greater density at lower levels, this ionisation, rather than reflect radiation, tends to absorb it. Penetration increases roughly as the square of the frequency in use, so obviously it's advantageous to use the highest frequency possible, subject to the limitation of complete penetration of the very F layer we are trying to use as a reflector. This limit, the maximum usable frequency, depends on the degree of ionisation of the F layer, and rises and falls in step with the solar flux. Because of density effects, absorption in the lower D & E layers appears and disappears more or less synchronously with daylight, whilst that in the F layer lingers and lags appreciably. The art is then to find the conditions with minimum absorption and maximum reflection at the appropriate point (if any) in the day.

Trans-Atlantic signals from Europe (and v.v) rely on low angle radiation reflected or refracted (at least once) from the F2 layer. They must necessarily pass through the greatest thickness of lower atmospheric layers and hence suffer the greatest absorption during upward and downward paths. This effect can be considerable at times of high ionisation, and ultimately results in very little, if anything, getting through. By way of illustration,

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FIG 1



consider how the visible sun's brightness compares at around noon when it's nearly overhead with that near sunset - the latter's an uncommon time to get any sort of suntan ! Our signals suffer a similar fate, and for a similar reason, lower frequencies, e.g. in the 7 MHz band, which could in theory propagate via the F layer, seldom make it out of the lower layers of the atmosphere during daylight hours. It's this interplay between reflection and absorption, shifting with time of day, solar activity and incidence by season that give the apparently complicated patterns of Fig II.

The sun's brightness, optically speaking, appears to us to be very constant over extremely long periods, but in fact the more energetic radiation components are quite variable in the short term, and so we should consequently expect propagation to vary sympathetically. In addition, the sun emits other things besides electro-magnetic radiation - there is a constant stream of charged particles, mainly electrons and protons. Many are trapped by the Earth's magnetic field into spiralling orbits which bring them eventually into the ionised

layers of interest to us, particularly at higher latitudes. The interactions can sometimes be visibly spectacular (aurorae), but even if not, they may have a marked effect on both absorption in lower layers, and break up of higher, useful reflecting layers (effects such as "spread F" for example.) None of these effects is particularly helpful to radio propagation, and is partly responsible for some of the instability in propagation which is superimposed on the smoothed, long term changes.

Anyway, enough of the digression into physics; it's all in the books (and much more) for those really interested ! As far as the immediate future is concerned, we must look to the variability of the seasonal cycle. Clearly matters will get better during coming winter months, and we can certainly expect to find improving propagation from about October onwards, continuing through till around March. Fifteen metres should certainly be better than twenty for the time being, both this Winter and next (1991) as well. Summer 1991 will probably prove disappointing on fifteen as it has done this year - best to go on vacation or sit by the pool and enjoy the barbeque or whatever!

The question also arises as to whether we have chosen the best times for skeds, and the optimum frequencies. The answer to that is not quite straightforward, for considerations other than propagation do matter - if the best time as far as the airwaves goes should turn out to be, say 3 a.m. (local time, of course) I rather doubt there would be many takers.... Personal and social considerations do matter too - if you've had rather a good Saturday night, you might not want to get up at six for the sake of a Sunday sked that wouldn't make it, would you ? The present choice of 15:00 GMT (or thereabouts) isn't a bad one, but looking at the data, there would appear to be a case for putting it back a little to 16:00 GMT, as far as 15 metres goes, though it could be argued that daily variations would make the change less than significant. Certainly the case is strong for staying with 15 metres for the next year, as far as trans-Atlantic skeds are concerned. I'm leaving ten out of consideration as it doesn't seem consistent enough for regular use - it is what I like to call an "opportunistic" band, so arrangements are perhaps best left much as they stand at present.

Looking further ahead is clearly less certain, but similar arguments can be used as far as predictions are concerned. We have looked back over propagation data from beyond the minimum of the last cycle to see how things have shaped. Obviously over a period of several years, it's quite difficult to

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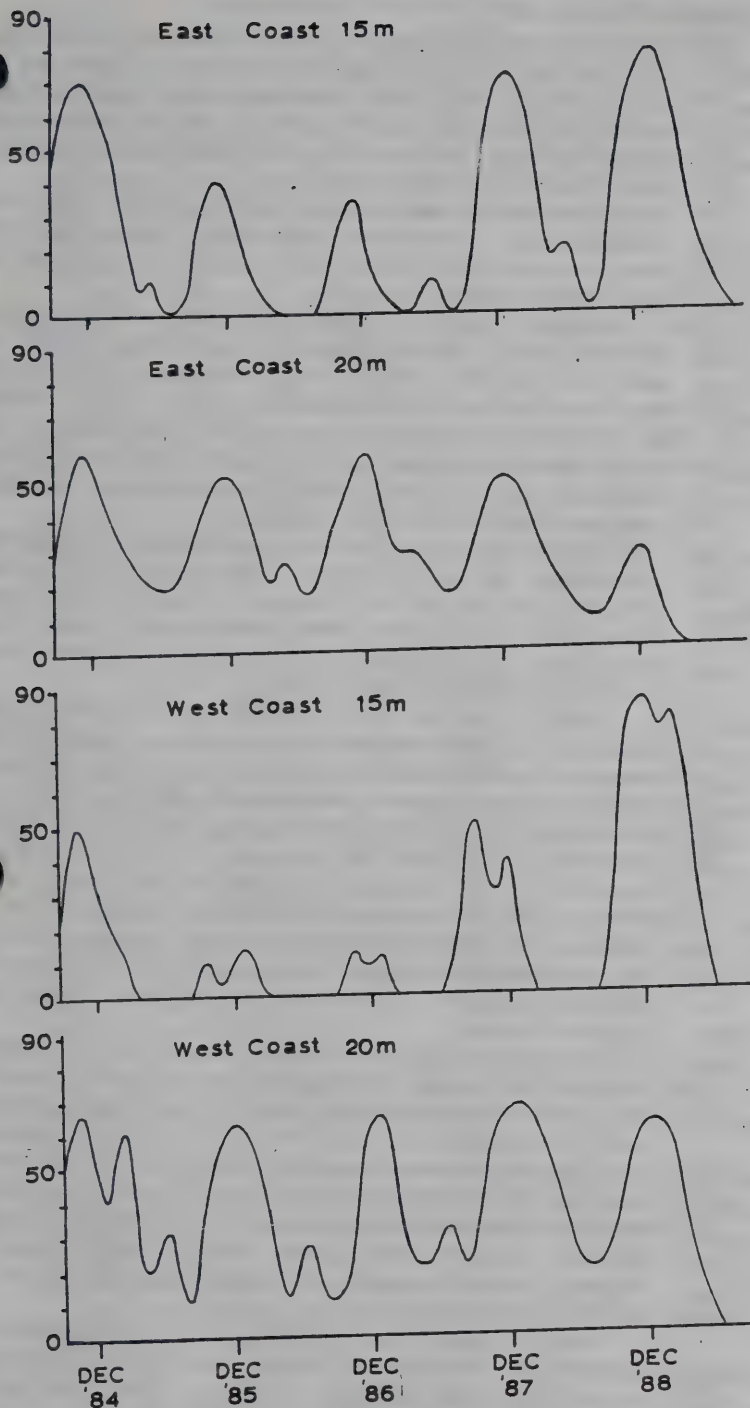


FIG 3

represent simply how all the various bands have fared at different times. I have chosen to represent the situation with propagation data for trans-Atlantic circuits, both East & West coasts, on 15 and 20 metres at 16:00 GMT. This is in

Fig. III. Here the long term changes stand out very clearly, both in seasonal and sunspot cycle terms. For the East coast, 20 metres would be viable for a good part of the year apart from near the sunspot maximum, where fifteen clearly would be much better. The West coast is a bit more critical, and on neither band could we expect much reliable propagation during summer months, but for some days during the winter on fifteen near the maximum, and otherwise on twenty astride the minimum.

If we assume that Cycle 22 peaks sometime during 1990, without arguing exactly when, we can extrapolate on to the next minimum around 1995/6, by reversing the pattern on the way down. This isn't entirely correct as cycles tend to rise more steeply than they fall, but it will suffice for our purposes and propagation may actually be a bit better than predictions imply. I would suggest that by the end of 1992, we will need to think of moving down to 20 metres, so that we would perhaps start on fifteen for a sked, and use twenty as the alternative if nothing is heard. By 1993/94, fifteen will rarely be viable, and twenty will have to be the bread & butter for most of us.

This assumes of course that the timing remains much as it is now, and it may well be that better results will be obtained by a fairly large shift in times. Possibly the 19:30 GMT twenty metre USA sked will extend to trans-Atlantic contact before then - certainly I have heard Eastcoast LARC members on twenty up to about 18 months ago, and that would of course simplify matters a lot. (As an aside to that, I have listened on occasion for that sked during the past year, and have noted that 14.325 MHz often appears to be busy with commercial RTTY traffic in Europe - a small frequency shift would be desirable - the competing signal is often at 5&9+30 or more at my location.) There is also an assumption that propagation data such as this is valid for prediction purposes, though this is rarely tested in print. In fact, an interesting article by Ray Cracknell G2AHU, ex. Z22JV (RadCom, Oct. 1984) addressed itself to just this point. He compared logged beacon data with forecasts over more than a five year period during Cycle 21. He concluded that the published propagation data agreed very well with his actual measurements for the period, and if anything tended to underestimate a little the reliability of some paths. So perhaps we can use this data as a guide for future planning with some confidence.

By the time this appears in print, the seasons will have moved on a bit and propagation as we might wish will hopefully have been restored for a time. But for those of us who would like to keep the traffic moving, we have to move with the time too, and be ready to make changes when they are needed. I hope these comments will provoke some thought and comment from other members - after all, there are many sides to the matter of propagation; perhaps when the airwaves return, we will be able to take up the theme again on the air itself!

Murphy's Laws of Computing

- No job is so simple that it can't get screwed up.
- For every action there is an equal and opposite malfunction.
- When the going gets tough, the tough upgrade.
- The less a computer peripheral costs, the more it costs to fix.
- If you take a computer apart and put it back together enough times, you will end up with two computers ... neither of which works!

My Great Adventure

By Dale Clark (W4OCFQ, Wellsville, KS)

After years of dreaming and a month of arranging, my big trip overseas finally became reality. On Friday, August 10th, I boarded a flight to St. Louis. During the two hour layover, I gave local Gateway Chapter member landline calls. Before long, the big moment arrived and I boarded TWA Flight 720 bound for London. Although nervous, I was prepared as the row numbers were called out.

Finally on board, I calmed down and chatted with a very charming British lady who was a Girl Scout Leader. On the flight were her girls, scattered around the plane. She offered lots of ideas for my journey. This was my first trip outside the U.S., except for previous trips Canada and Hawaii. She was a very interesting person and it made the eight and one-half hour flight seem shorter. I saw the Northern Lights out of the plane window during the movie. Later, the first glimpse of daylight.

We landed and cleared customs, which was less traumatic than I expected! The British Customs people practically waved me through. It was great to be there at last!

I gave Keith (G4JED) a landline call before I boarded the train for Victoria Station. The train ride into town was fascinating for me as I seldom get to ride a train. The buildings and houses I passed were interesting. All the chimneys. It seemed as though every building had at least three or four chimneys!

I finally settled into my hotel, the Philbeach in Earls Court. I began to recover from the all night flight. Later, I went to a nearby pub, the "Colherne." A very friendly place where I found lots of friendly guys, including a couple from my hotel. We later returned to the hotel to "talk." Later that night, I went to a large club called "Heaven." It cost seven pounds fifty pence to get in (about US\$15). Once inside, I explored the wonders of this place. It has several bars, including a huge dance bar with the most fantastic light show I've ever seen! Lots of hunky numbers wandering around, many with their shirts off as it had been warm in London at this time.

After some sleep, I went to breakfast at my hotel. Each morning, I met people from all over the world. A little United Nations! I was surprised at the number of Australians I met, considering the long distance to London they had to travel. It made the distance I travelled seem like nothing.

I met a charming Norwegian. We toured London one day together. Saw the usual sights ... Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, Houses of Parliament, and "Big Ben." Then we parted as he had to go to the hotel to prepare to return home the next day. I made the pilgrimage to Greenwich where the Royal Observatory is located. It was a fascinating place. I stood on the 0 meridian and saw the official GMT clock.

I toured around London, passing a number of foreign embassies, including the Kuwait and Iraqi embassies ... they were only two blocks apart.

On Wednesday, August 15th, I went down to Brighton. It is a seacoast resort where the Royal Pavilion (an ornate building built by King George IV as a summer retreat) is located. It is faaaaabulous! Afterward, I met Keith (G4JED) and his other half, John, at the Palace Pier, an interesting British amusement palace. We toured around Brighton and ate at a pizza place. They took me to nightspots, including a little pub called "Aquarium" where I met someone the minute we arrived. I will tell that story some other time, in person! [Looks like Dayton 91 will be interesting! -Editor] After that I said goodbye to Keith and John and went back to London the next morning.

On Thursday, August 16th, I boarded the train for Scotland to see Brian (GMØKWL). It was a wonderful trip. The English

countryside was fascinating to me. At Newcastle, a humorous fellow got on the train. He was on his way to the North Sea fields and had several cans of "Carlsberg Lager" with him. I had trouble understanding him. I understood less as he consumed more of the lager. By the time I got off the train in Edinburgh, I couldn't understand him at all!

After changing trains and arriving at Falkirk, Brian was waiting for me. We went to his home where I met his Mom and Dad, two of the nicest people I have ever met. They adopted me as one of their own.

Saturday, August 18th, Brian and I went into Edinburgh to see the sights. A very interesting, historic, and beautiful city. We took in the nightlife. Unfortunately, Brian took in a little too much and it did him in. We missed the last train back to Falkirk, so we spent the night in the train station. Unfortunately, the inside (the warm part and where the toilets were) was closed. I went out to find some toilets outside and when I got back Brian was gone. That was the last I saw of him.

I took the train back to Falkirk and got some sleep before the trans-Atlantic skeds on Sunday. I heard Jim (KK3K), Rick (WM2D), and Jim (K3ATT) talking to James (G4ILW) and Stuart (GØBEV). I sat and listened, unable to talk. I didn't have time to apply for a reciprocal license before I left home. After the sked, I gave James a landline call.

Listening to the ham bands over there was fascinating to me. I was amazed at the number of Soviet stations I heard and the strength of their signals. I also heard a lot of choice DX on all bands, including 40 meters, which is only 100 kHz wide (7.0 to 7.1). Above it is shortwave broadcasting, while SSB is 7.05 to 7.1 and CW/RTTY/AMTOR/Packet, etc. is below. A treat was hearing a YU3 on 40 meter CW during the day. Tuning ac 20 meter SSB, the mess on 14.313 was heard loud and clear. It made me very ashamed of American hams. Fortunately, it was late, around midnight local time in Scotland. I hope most UK and European hams were asleep at the time. Still, it was disgusting to hear.

On Tuesday, August 21st, I took a train to Dover and boarded the Jetfoil for Ostende, Belgium and then on to Amsterdam. The Jetfoil skims across the channel water at about 80 kmh (about 55 mph). The shoreline of France was visible. I then boarded the train and changed trains in Antwerp, Belgium. I think the time I saved on Jetfoil was lost in the forty-five minute layover in Antwerp. I had no Belgian money and knew nothing of their language. The old Paul Simon song "Doesn't know the language, holds no currency, he is a foreign man" sure ran through my mind!

Finally, I arrived in Amsterdam. A very remarkable and beautiful city. The next day I toured Anne Frank's house where she and her family hid from the Nazis in World War II. The pictures and displays inside really shocks visitors. It really makes one think.

I took a canal boat ride through Amsterdam's canal system and saw lots of interesting sights. I took in the nightlife. One famous bar I had heard about, the "DOK" had closed. I was disappointed but found lots of other night clubs. "IT" was a large club with several bars, huge dance floor, and several stages ... one stage had a vintage car (a restored 1952 Chrysler of all things) on it. A little tavern, the "Amstel" was the friendliest and I met lots of nice people there. I also went to "Cockring" - 1 "The Eagle."

Then, off to the beautiful seaside town of Zantvord and it's clothing-optional beach. Again, I met lots of very nice people,

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Why Radio Amateurs Are Called Hams

As quoted from "Florida Skip" in Young Lady Harmonics in 1959. Latest reprint from YL Harmonics, May-June 1988

Have you ever wondered why we radio amateurs are called "hams?" Well, it goes like this — the word HAM as applied to 1908 was the call letters of one of the first amateur wireless stations operated by some amateurs of the Harvard Radio Club. They were Albert S. Hyman, Bob Almy, and Poggie Murray. At first, they called their station Hyman-Almy-Murray. Tapping out such a long name in code soon became tiresome and called for a revision and they changed it to Hy-Al-Mu, using the first two letters of each name.

Early in 1909, some confusion resulted between signals from amateur wireless HYALMU and a Mexican ship named AMALMO, so they decided use only the first letter of each name, and the call became HAM.

In the early pioneer unregulated days of radio, amateur operators picked their own frequency and call letters. Then, as now, some amateurs had better signals than commercial stations. The resulting interference finally came to the attention of congressional committees in Washington and they gave much time to the proposed legislation designed to critically limit amateur activity.

In 1911, Albert Hyman chose the controversial Wireless Regulation Bill as the topic for his thesis at Harvard. His instructor insisted that a copy be sent to Senator David I. Walsh, a member on one of the committees hearing the bill. The Senator was so impressed he sent for Hyman to appear before the committee. He was put on the stand and described how the little station was built and he almost cried when he told the committee room that if the bill went through, they would have to close up the station because they could not afford the license fees and all the other requirements which were set up on the bill. The debate started and the little station HAM became the symbol of all the little amateur stations in the country, crying to be saved from menace and greed of the big commercial stations who didn't want them around. Finally, the bill got to the floor of the Congress and every speaker talked about the poor little station "HAM."

That's how it all started. You will find the whole story in the Congressional Record. Nationwide publicity associated station "HAM" with amateurs. From that day to this and probably to the end of time in radio, an amateur is a "HAM."

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including a very nice fellow named Theo. He is interested in electronics and maintains a radio communications system for a large hospital and also does TV repair. He does some shortwave listening and I told him about LARC. I will write him and give him the club P.O. box address. I will always remember Theo and all the other people I met there.

I noticed that the bicycle is a very prominent mode of transportation in the Netherlands. There are exclusive bike roads with a white line down the middle with road signs and street lights. A great idea! Only bikes — no motor vehicles on these roads so you can ride in safety.

Well, the sad day came when I had to start the long journey home. I made the train and Jetfoil ride back to London. I called Keith and Brian to say goodbye. I was glad that Brian had safely returned home.

On my departure from London, I noticed two parked Kuwait Airways 747s that apparently got stranded when Saddam Hussein decided to invade Kuwait. This was the only cloud over the trip. I wish we had waited until my trip was over before doing that. I am very angry at him for that!

I really enjoyed the fantastic adventure and all the wonderful people I met. I'll definitely return ... soon, I hope!

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- He who hesitates is probably smart.
- The one who does the least amount of work always gets the most credit.
- The first place to look for information is in the section of the manual you least expect to find it.
- If you consult enough computer experts it is possible to confirm ANY opinion.
- A complex system that doesn't work is invariably found to have evolved from a simple system that worked well.
- The number one cause of computer problems is computer solutions!
- If an hour has been spent perfecting a sentence, a committee will decide to delete the paragraph.
- A project always expands to fill your available memory.
- He who laughs last probably made a backup.
- In technology, anything is possible if you don't know it isn't available.
- No matter what goes wrong with your carefully planned database system, there's always someone who says they knew it would.
- When you get to the point where you really understand your computer system, it's probably obsolete!
- Confidence is the feeling you get just before you fully understand the problem.
- Whatever happens ... behave like you meant it to happen.
- People always remember the last mistake you made.
- That which cannot be serviced will require the most service.
- To err is human, to blame your computer for your mistakes is ever more human.
- If you can distinguish between good advice and bad advice, you probably don't need any advice at all!

Introduction to Packet Radio — Part 13

By Larry Kenney (WB9LOZ, San Francisco, CA)

In this article, let's do some reviewing. I'm going to present a short quiz on packet, covering the basics that I've presented in the past 12 columns. Let's see how well you can answer the following questions without looking back at the past articles. In Part 14, I'll discuss each question and give you the correct answers.

1. What are the three TNC modes of communication?

- a. Connect, Converse, Terminal
- b. Command, Converse, Terminal
- c. Command, Converse, Transparent
- d. Command, Connect, Transparent

2. What TNC command is used to set the transmit path for beacons and CQs?

3. What is the TNC command CHECK used for?

4. While you're connected to another station, what command is used to monitor other traffic on the frequency?

5. If you saw one of the following lines on your screen when in monitor mode, what would the asterisk indicate?

W6ABC-3N6XYZ,W6PW-1*: Hi Bob
W6ABC-3W6PW-1*N6XYZ: Hi Bob
(Displays vary with various TNCs, so both common types are shown.)

6. Why do the NET/ROM and TheNet nodes improve communications?

7. If you're connected to a station in New Mexico using NET/ROM or TheNet, how do you disconnect?

8. If N6ZYX-2 connected to you via a NET ROM or TheNet node, what would the SSID of the station become at your end of the connection?

9. When you're connected to another station, what are the two most probable causes for packets not to be received by the other station?

10. There are several basic commands used on a packet bulletin board system. Indicate what you would enter to perform the following:

- a. Receive a list of messages.
- b. Download a file in the General (ID G) directory called FCCEXAMS.89.
- c. Enter a private message to Jim, WA6DDM, who uses the W6PW BBS.
- d. Read message 7134 with complete headers.
- e. Find out what stations have been heard on port B.

11. To send an NTS message via packet addressed to Tom Smith, 123 Main Street, Keene, NH 03431, telephone (603) 555-4321, what would you enter at the BBS prompt?

12. If a message has a STATUS of BF, what does that indicate?

13. If you received a message from a friend in Chicago that had been forwarded to your home BBS through four other BBSs and the message had a Date/Time of 0316/2245 when you listed it, which of the following is a TRUE statement?

- a. The message was written at 2:45 pm on March 16.
- b. The message was entered into the BBS by your friend at 2245 on March 16.
- c. The message was forwarded by your friend's BBS in Chicago at 2245 on March 16.
- d. The message was received at your home BBS at 2245 on March 16.

14. If you wanted to send a message to your friend John, W4IP, but you didn't know what the call of his home BBS was, what could you do to try and find out what the call is?

15. BONUS: What is the maximum value for MAXFRAME? If you're working a station on 30 meters and are sending a lot of retries, should you increase or decrease MAXFRAME?

Well, how did you think you did? We'll take a close look at these questions and more in part 14 of this series.

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Net Newsbits

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

LARC UK/Europe Establishes Chapter



James (G4ILW) and Stuart (GØBEV) have organized LARC members in the UK into an Official Chapter as of June 6, 1990. The official name of the chapter is LARC UK/Europe. Plans are being implemented to process info requests and new members directly and disseminate the Lambda Net News from England. The Chapter will institute its own dues structure as well. A bank account has been set up and a Post Office Box is being arranged to handle responses to club advertisements which will run soon.

LARC Worldwide!

The club has received requests for information from Uruguay, Bulgaria, and Czechoslovakia. According to Vladimir Hejduk, who wrote us from Prague, a notice about LARC was carried in the Czechoslovakia gay magazine LAMBDA. Other requests have been received including a QSL card from a university radio club in Bulgaria!

LARC St. Louis Chapter Forms

LARC members in St. Louis have formed a new LARC chapter to be known as the Gateway Chapter, according to Bob (WAØS). Members Bob (WAØS), Bob (WØEKM, and Gordon (WB5OYL) met Memorial Day, May 28, 1990 at Clementine's in St. Louis for their inaugural meeting. Gateway Chapter members are eager to add more members and are in the process of planning future events.

Nominations Sought

Nominations for LARC Club Officers are being solicited at this time. In accordance with the LARC Constitution and By-Laws, elections for LARC President, Vice-President and Secretary will be conducted later this year. All LARC members are encouraged to run for elected office in the club and submit nominations for themselves or other individuals to serve for the two year term of office. Send your nominations to the club P.O. Box. Nominations close September 30.

HF Net Activity

LARC HF nets have continued during the summer in spite of the generally poor propagation conditions. A number of LARC stations have checked in during the summer, and there have been occasional transatlantic contacts with LARC members in the UK. Members are encouraged to check the usual skeds with the onset of better conditions at the end of summer.

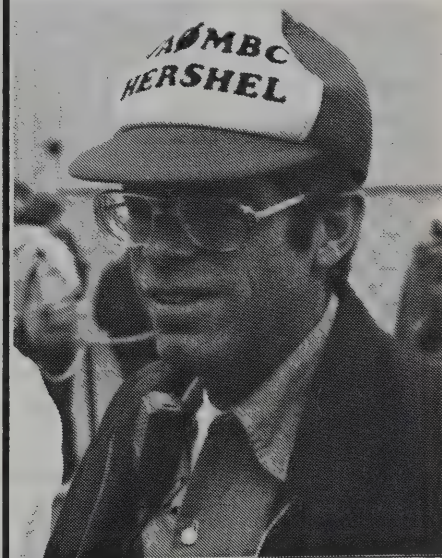
Chapter Activities

Members of the Hollywood Chapter (L.A.) joined members of the Golden Gate Chapter to staff 22 ham radio locations throughout the path of the 1990 Bay area AIDS Bike-a-Thon. On Saturday, August 25th, a group travelled by train from Los Angeles to San Diego to attend the ARRL Southwest Convention.

Members of the golden Gate Chapter staffed a booth at the San Francisco Freedom Day event on June 24, and in San Jose on June 16. The booths included demonstration amateur radio stations at both events.

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Silent Key: WAØMBC



LARC member Hershel Jackson (WAØMBC) of Florissant, MO died on Sunday, August 26th of AIDS. Hershel was uncommonly generous in his support of LARC, especially the club's continuing effort to gain acceptance of LARC advertising in ham publications. His participation in LARC activities and at Dayton will be missed by his many LARC friends.

Dayton '90 Photo Issue!

Here's the long-awaited issue containing photos of the gang that had one heck of a good time at the Dayton Hamvention this year. Be sure you're planning to join them next year!



President's Key

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

Are Amateur Satellites a big mystery to you? They were to me until just recently, but

I'm learning. A couple of years ago after the Dayton Hamvention, I took an airline flight home and I sat next to a ham from Baltimore who happened to be a physician and a satellite enthusiast. In two short hours, he had me really interested in learning more about hamsats, and he assured me that it was not all that difficult or expensive to get involved in the program. Of course, I really didn't totally believe him when he tried to sell me that package! All I could think of was how difficult it must be to figure out just where the hell the "birds" are at any given time, and how expensive it would be to set up a satellite station given the requirements of full duplex 2 meter/440 capability, antennas, rotors, etc. As it turns out, I was partly right because the equipment can be expensive. The surprise for me was finding out how easy it is to track satellites with the aid of a good computer tracking program and the orbital information readily available on packet radio bulletin boards. Once I got hold of one of AMSAT's superior tracking programs, my desire to set up a fully functioning Oscar station peaked. After a delay of two years, I finally started the long (for me, anyway) process of assembling an Oscar station. First, I bought a 10 foot roof tripod for the 2m/440 Oscar antennas and installed it. Then I began the process of deciding on a satellite radio, all the while learning as much as I could about the amateur satellite program. As it turns out, the manual that came with the tracking program was an excellent tutorial on satellite theory, and there are plenty of other books available. Then, I decided upon an antenna set-up and I opted for the Hy-Gain Oscar duo, which is not the cheapest Oscar antenna set-up available at just under \$300. Most recently, I took the plunge and purchased a Yaesu FT-736R Satellite radio. WOW! A whole new world has opened up for me now that I can listen in on Oscar 13 contacts even with a Ringo Ranger antenna! I still have to assemble the Hy-Gain Oscar antennas before I can attempt to use the bird, but I am really amazed at what I have seen so far. Did you know that you can hear a microsat (the DOVE satellite) on your HT? I printed out its packet beacon with ease recently with just my Ringo Ranger antenna and my usual packet set-up. I have also listened-in on hams making contact via Radio Sputnik 10/11, the Russian satellite. This one has an uplink on 10 meters and a downlink on 2 meters, so I'm going to try to make contact on this one real soon. All of this is brand new to me, and it's like being licensed for the first time all over again! I can't wait to make my first contact on Oscar 13, but I've got some antenna building to do and some coax to run before I get there! de KK3K

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Is This A Joke?

This most unusual lead-in appeared in the September 1990 issue of QST on page 82. Maybe there's hope after all.

Strays

DO YOU NEED A MAN?
A group from the Ellesmere Port and District RSGB will be operating in the 28 MHz contest Oct 7 from the Isle of Man (see Contest Corral, p 80). GD3CSA/P (see Contest Corral, p 80). Bureau or to Brian Saggerson, 11/11/90. Great Sutton,

Dayton

This is what makes ham radio fun ... making new friends and visiting old ones each year at the Dayton Hamvention.

L to R:

Art Condra (N5MVI), Charlie Reavis (K9PVS/5), and Vic Love (WB5MEI) ... all from the Dallas Chapter of LARC.

Photo by Nick Altenberndt (KA1MQX)



Oooooops !!!

Here's the "Across" clues to the crossword puzzle published in last month's issue of the NEWS.

Sorry about the slip-up, but let us know if you like the puzzles.



Net Newsbits

Dallas chapter members sponsored a booth at the Dallas gay and lesbian pride day event.

Rochester Chapter members also sponsored a gay pride day booth.

Philadelphia chapter members are planning to join Washington, DC members at the Gaithersburg, MD hamfest on September 9. A LARC chapter in Florida is now forming. Charlie (KCØK) organized a booth at the Midwest Men's Festival held in the Ozarks in August.

Member Correspondence

Bill (K9AT) and Larry (WB9LOZ) spent three weeks in Alaska this summer.

Dale (WAØCFQ) travelled to England in August.

Nick (KA1MQX) spent a week in Provincetown where he celebrated the July 4th holiday in gay style.

Stuart (GØBEV) travelled to Strasbourg, France in June and it set to travel to Portugal in late August.

Welcome back to longtime LARCer Wayne (WA6FXL) who has rejoined the national club.

Welcome also to our new member in Sweden Tomas (SM6MLB) who lives in Boras.

Members of the Hollywood Chapter now own a second LARC banner thanks to a contribution from an anonymous member.

Hershel (WAØMBC) planned to attend the ARRL National in June and was sorry to miss the gang in Dayton this year.

Charlie (KCØK) has a new IC-735 HF rig.

Norman (VE3CJE) is busy getting ready to get up on packet radio and he has requested and received a copy of the complete series of packet radio articles written by Larry (WB9LOZ).

Charlie (WA4ITY) has been busy with a local community group and AIDS buddy training program.

Tom (KI4ZN) has been a regular check-in to the LARC HF skeds during the summer and he has aquired a full page AT&T scanner which he has been enjoying in between working all sorts of rare DX!

Howard (W9BVD) has completed restoration on one antique player piano and has aquired yet another to work on.

Mark (KC3XC) recently visited Dallas on business and was set to meet Dallas area LARC members while in town.

James (G4ILW) has successfully connected to Tomas' (SM6MLB) personal packet mailbox and is keeping in touch with other stateside LARC members via packet radio.

Brian (GMØKWL) checked into the LARC transatlantic net on CW recently.

Jim (KK3K) and Dan spent two weeks in Spain in July.

Duane (K4UW) has been very busy but has checked into several LARC nets recently.

Former member Bob (KK6Q) who was on the roster back in 1983, became a silent key according to QST magazine.

Bob (KA8UHL) reports a steady stream of inquiries and new members and he is keeping real busy handling the correspondence for the club. Bob also reports running into Leonard (KB8DOA) on HamNet. Bob has a brand new Apple computer.

1. Except.
4. Seventh tone.
6. Who to love first.
11. Treatment up with which a partner must not put.
16. Two dads or two moms.
18. Osculations.
19. Either.
20. Authors. (verb)
21. Soldier.
22. Couple plus one.
23. Envious.
25. Formal for marriage partner.
26. Rock was to Marc.
29. Sweater source.
31. West Coast city with partner benefits. (abbr.)
32. Shacking up.
35. "Yours, mine & ____."
38. Committed mate.
40. Fibber.
41. Affix (abbr.)
42. Foolishly asked of gay couples, "Which of you is ____?"
43. ____ at first sight.
45. Prelude to union.
47. Companion to ego.
48. "Bore a hole in your head and let the ____ run out." - G. Marx
51. Boxer's goal. (abbr.)
52. Some couples have one by adoption or previous marriage.
54. Former lover.
55. Partner's relationship, short of marriage. (2 words)
62. Centers.
63. I.
64. Word from sponsor. (abbr.)
65. Form of cooking.
68. Organized The Wedding. (2 words)
71. Slippery fish.
72. Most important companion. (2 words)
75. Work.
77. Too much. (2 words, abbr.)
78. Impudence.
79. What we're fighting for. (2 words)
82. Burned in the '60s.
83. Commitment symbols.
85. Heavy.
87. Native of first country to legalize same-sex marriage.
90. Can happen when you get TOO close.
92. Hangs in the Louvre.
93. Short for golfer's aide.
94. Exclusive sexual commitment.
97. Early gay civil rights group.
98. Get hitched.
99. Build it together.
102. It's a ____ to condemn gay/lesbian marriages.
104. Vital ingredient for great sex.
110. Church wedding.
111. Bunnies do it.
113. Not off.
114. Not out.
115. Tasty grain.
116. "____, dear."
(If you always have the last two words in an argument with your sweetie, these are them.)
117. Seed vessel.
118. "We are ____."
119. Springing sound.
120. Impersonal pronoun.
121. Some non-exclusive couples.
122. David & ____.
(Biblical lovers)

Introduction to Packet Radio — Part 12

By Larry Kenney (WB9LOZ, San Francisco, CA)

In this article we're going to look at the White Pages. Not your local telephone directory, but the packet radio directory known as "White Pages." You help supply the information for "WP," and you can also use it to find the home BBS, QTH and zip code of your friends on packet.

"White Pages" was initially designed by Eric Williams, WD6CMU, of Richmond, California. It's a database of packet users showing their name, home BBS, QTH and zip code. It's updated and queried by packet message, allowing stations from all over the world to take advantage of it. Hank Oredson, W0RLI, later added a WP feature to his packet bulletin board software. As users enter their name, home BBS, QTH and zip code into the BBS user file, the software automatically assembles a message once a day containing all of the latest user information and sends it to W9ZRX in Indiana, now the national White Pages Server. Systems in Northern California also send the information to WD6CMU. Hank later expanded the WP feature, and each BBS running the W0RLI software can now elect to operate its own White Pages database. Each BBS,

however, continues to send a daily "WP" update of new or changed information to the W9ZRX White Pages. You can easily make use of the packet White Pages information, both at your local BBS, at WD6CMU, and at W9ZRX.

If your BBS is operating with its own WP database, you may make inquiries of it using the "T" command. Simply enter I followed by the callsign you'd like information about. If you wanted information on WB9LOZ, for example, you would enter: I WB9LOZ.

Information from the WD6CMU or W9ZRX White Pages is obtained by sending a message to "WP @ WD6CMU" or "WP @ W9ZRX". Since the messages are read and answered by the WP software, not a person, you must use the correct format: allsign QTH? You may include as many requests as you wish in one message, but each request must be on a separate line. The last line of the message should be: DE your_callsign @ Home_BBS so that the response is returned to you at your home BBS. If the return address line is not given, the WP program will attempt to determine the originating station and BBS from the message headers. If the requested information is not available from the WP database, the return message will tell you so.

Here's an example of a message sent to the WD6CMU or W9ZRX White Pages database:

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(Your BBS prompt) W6BBS
SP WP @ WD6CMU
(SP WP @ W9ZRX would be used for
the Enter subject of message:
W9ZRX database.)
Query
Enter text:
K9AT QTH?
WA6DDM QTH?
KC3XC QTH?
K3AKK QTH?
DE N6XYZ @ W6BBS
(Control Z)
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Capital and lower case letters may both be used within the message.

Just like all other packet messages, messages addressed to WP are forwarded from BBS to BBS toward their destination. If a BBS operating with the W0RLI WP Server handles a query message, it will respond with any pertinent information that it has available. As a result, you might receive more than one response to your WP query. The program also collects data from any WP responses it sees, as well as from the headers of every message that passes through. The information on each call in a WP database is usually deleted in 60 to 90 days if it's not updated. This is determined by each local sysop.

It is important to note here that when you check into a new BBS, you should always enter the same home BBS. Choose ONE BBS as your home BBS, the one where you want all of your messages delivered. When a message arrives at the destination given in the "@ BBS" column, some of the latest software checks the White Pages information to make sure that the message was delivered to the right place. If it finds that a different BBS is listed as your home BBS, it will insert that BBS callsign in the message and send it on its way. If you enter different home BBS calls on several BBSs, your mail could easily end up being sent from BBS to BBS and never reach you.

If you move or change your home BBS, you should then make sure that you update the information for your call in the White Pages database. Use the NH, NQ and NZ commands to update the information. Making sure that the information in the White Pages is correct will help to get your messages delivered to the correct BBS.

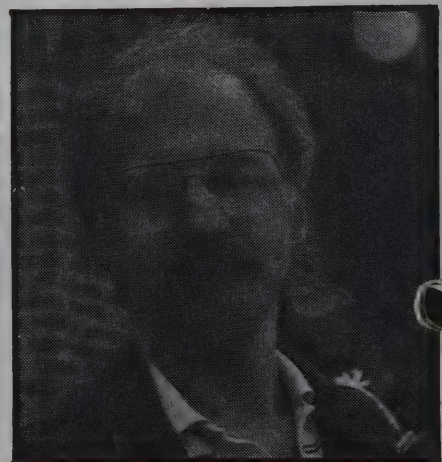
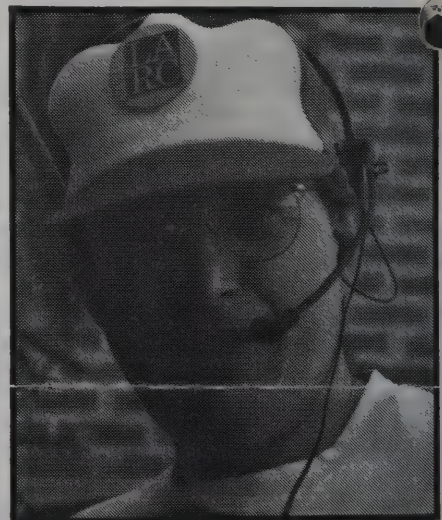
Right:

Art Condra
(N5MVI) of the
Dallas Chapter.

Below right:
Nick Altenberndt
(KA1MQX) of
the new Boston
Chapter. Nick
also took many
of the photos in
this issue. Great
work, Nick!

Below:

No matter where
you go ... there
you are! Seems
like everyone is
a comedian.

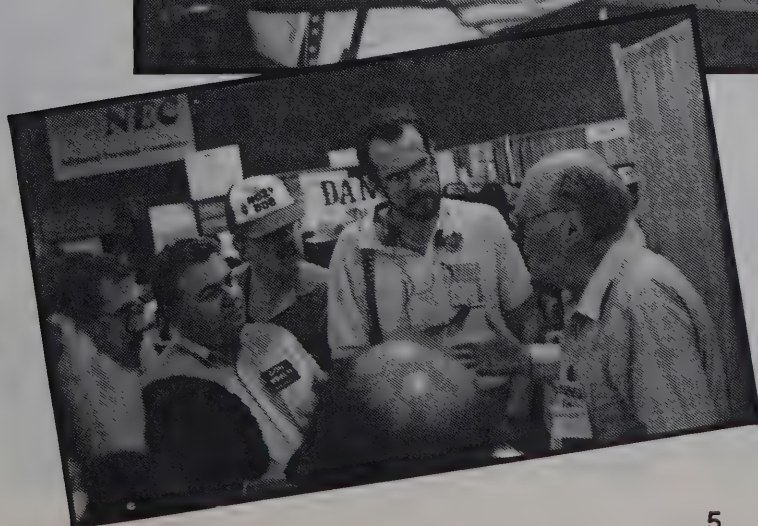


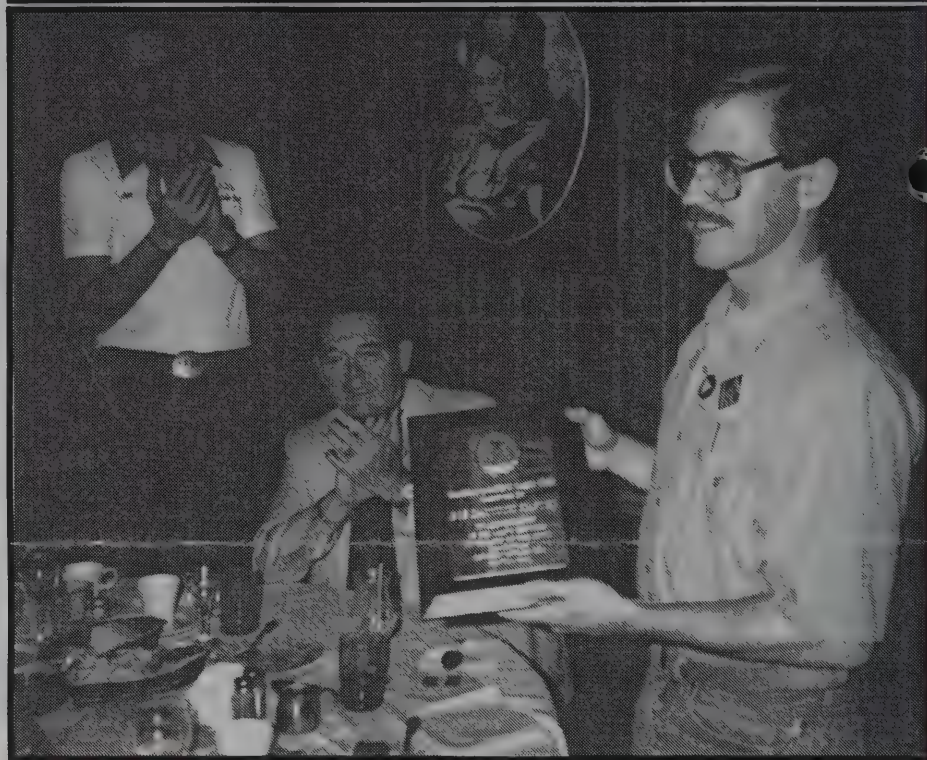
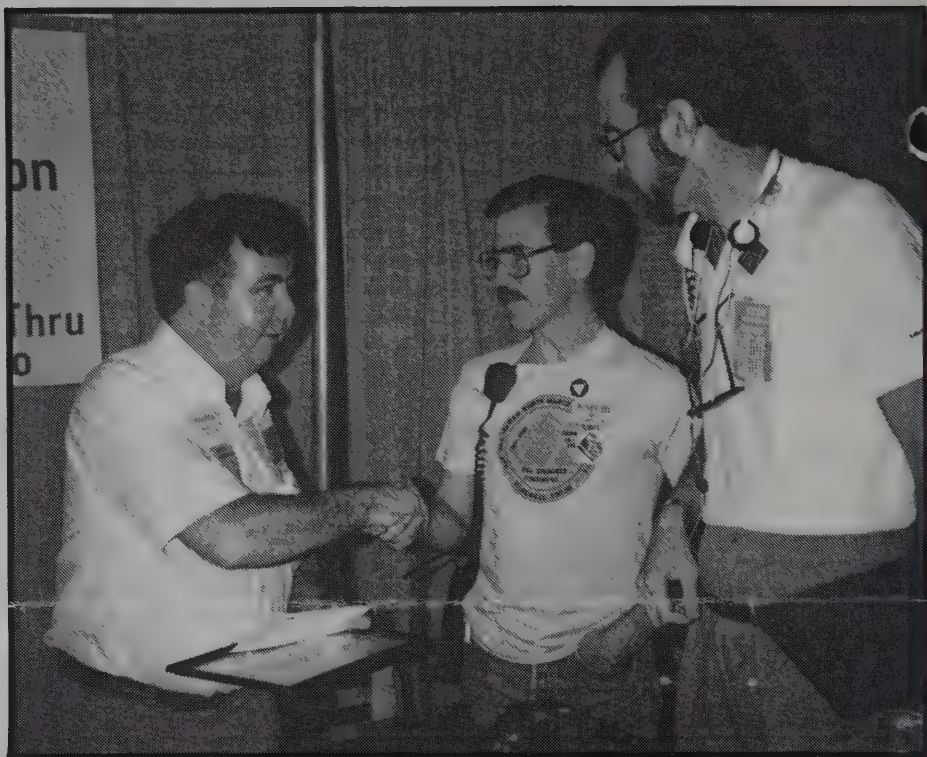
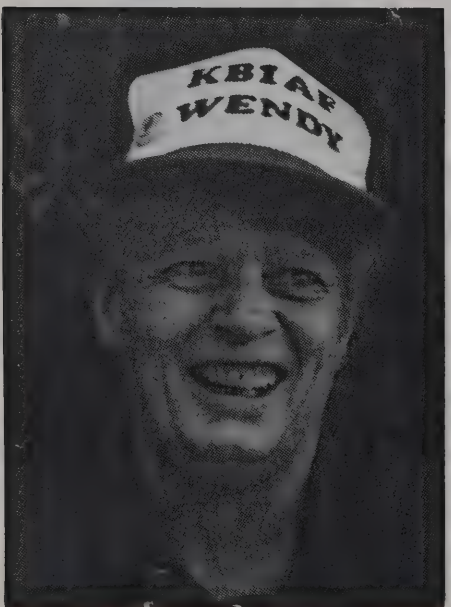
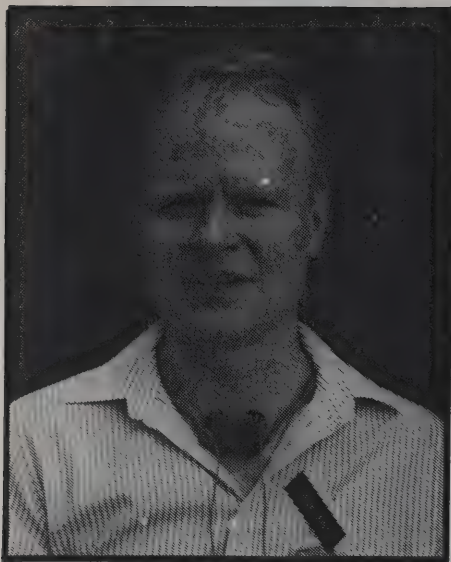


LARC Meets With Wayne Green of 73 Amateur Radio

LARC awarded Wayne Green (W2NSD/1) with its Certificate of Appreciation for the work he has done to help LARC gain exposure in the ham community.

Top, L to R: Bob Laycock (KA8UHL, LARC Secretary), Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI, LARC V.P.), Jim Kelly (KK3K, LARC President), Bob Hunter (NG2P), and Wayne Green (W2NSD/1).





The Fun Never Stops!

Here's some of the people and events caught in action.

Left, top to bottom: James Dingwall (G4ILW), Keith Bird (G4JED), and Wendy Kincaid (KB1AF).

Top right, L to R: "Hap" Holly (KC9RP) of the RAIN Foundation accepts our Certificate of Appreciation for his help in increasing LARC's visibility in the ham community through his broadcasts heard around the world each week.

Above, L to R: Bob Laycock (KA8UHL) receives LARC's "Special Award of Recognition" for his many efforts on behalf of LARC. Congratulations, Bob!

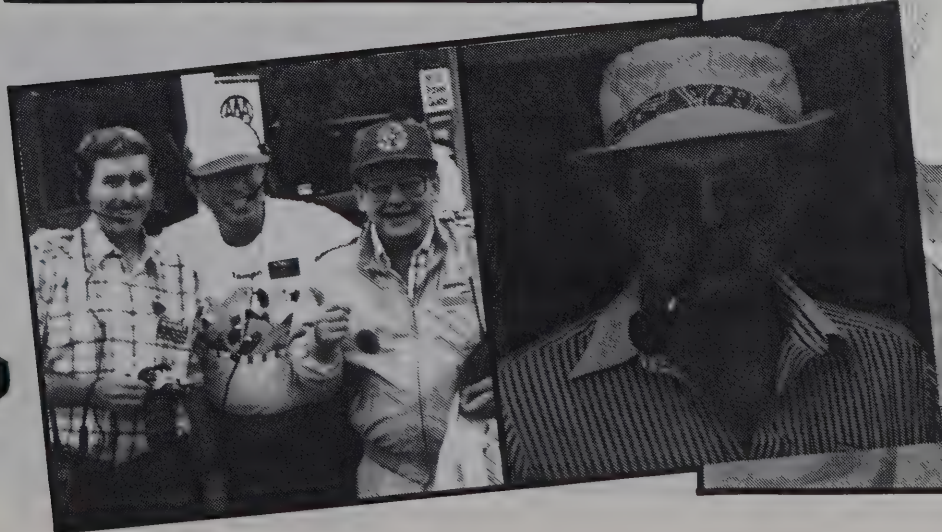
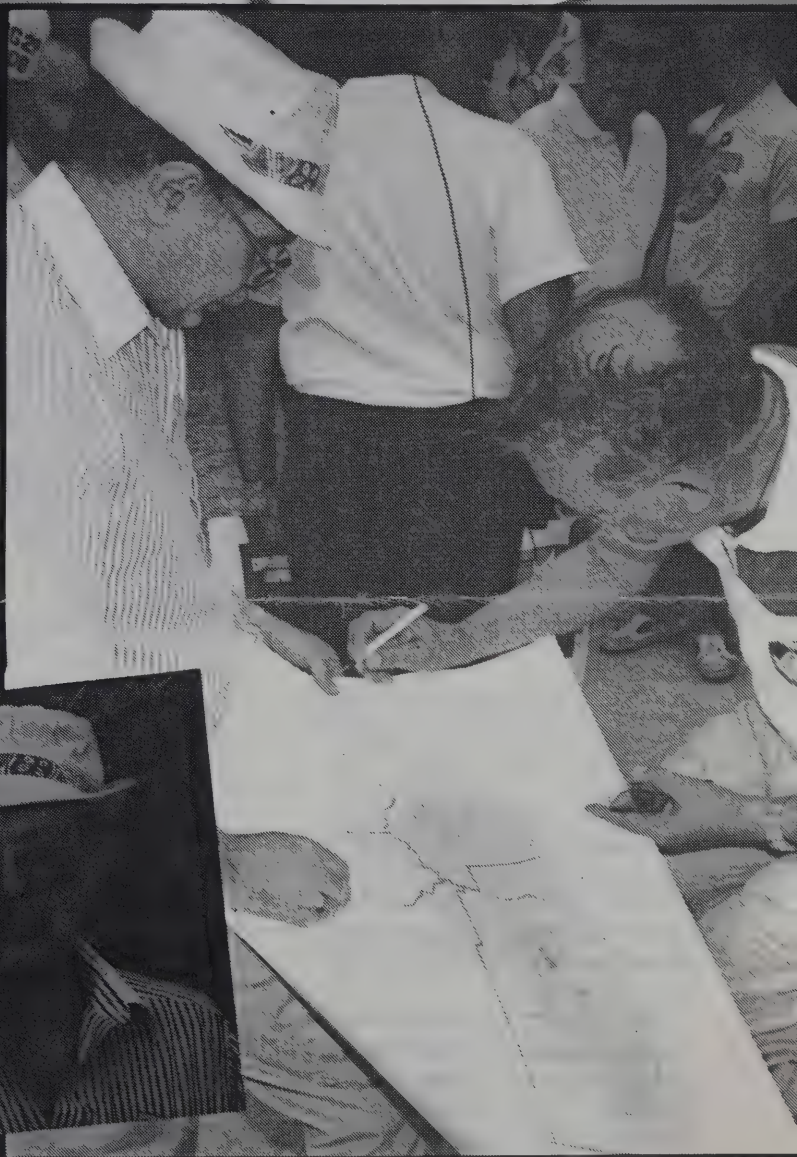
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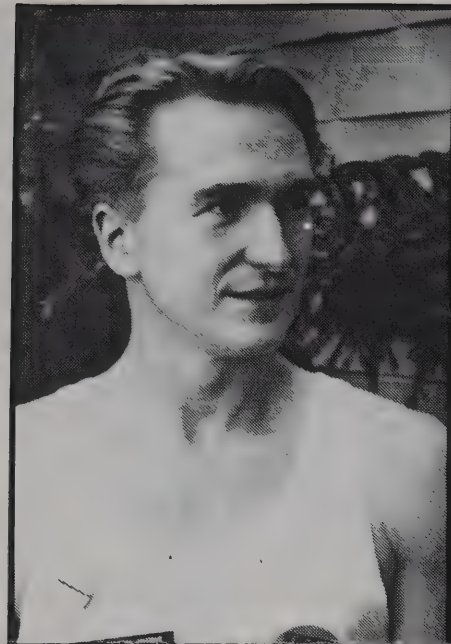
Right, L to R: Eating dinner at "Growler's" ... Tom (K14ZN) and Dick (back to camera), Duane Durst (K4UW), James Dingwall (G4ILW), and John Cressey (W3IWL).

Lower Right: Jim Smith (K3ATI) collects QTH from John Cressey (W3IWL).

Lower left, L to R: "There heere ..." from Dallas. Vic Love (WB5MEI), Art Condra (N5MVI), and Charlie Reavis (K9PVS/5).

Below, L to R: Jim Kelly (KK3K) and James Dingwall (G4ILW) wonder about the LARcer who's "bus mobile?"





And There's More!

Top left: Philip Jenkins
(WD4IJV)

Top right: Presiding over the
the Annual Banquet at Anticoli's
Restaurant is Jim Kelly (KK3K).

Center right: Hospitality Suite
hosted with Southern grace and
charm by Tom Hendrix (KI4ZN)
and Dick Ramey.

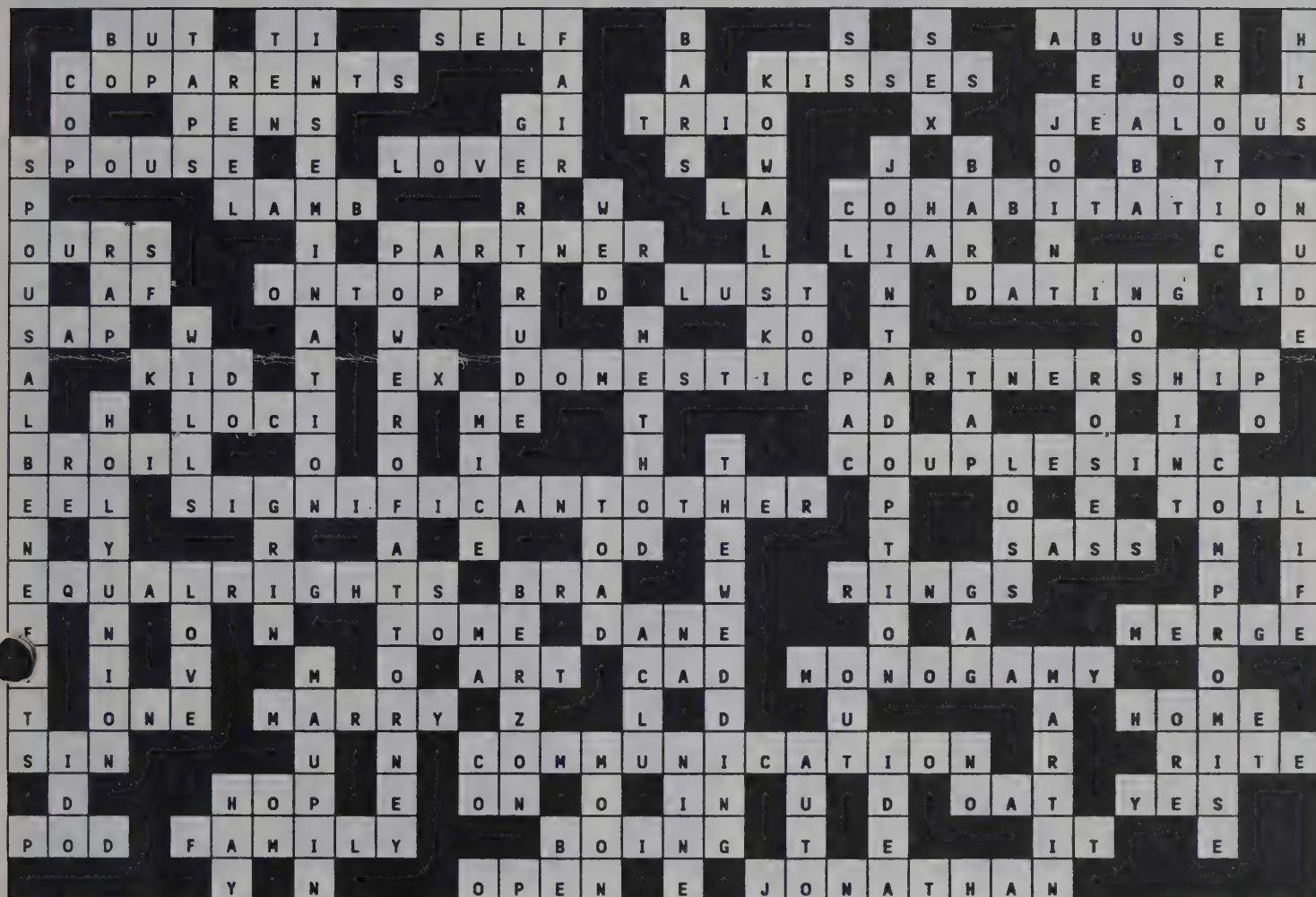
Bottom right: The traditional
group photo taken Saturday. It's
getting bigger and bigger!

Above, L to R: Leonard
Jenkins (KB8DOA) and Bob
Laycock (KA8UHL).



Crossword Puzzle Solution

A PUZZLE FOR PARTNERS -- #1
from PARTNERS: The Newsletter for
Gay & Lesbian Couples



(c) 1990, PARTNERS: The Newsletter for Gay & Lesbian Couples
Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109, (206) 784-1519.

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| I would like to nominate the following LARC member(s) for Vice President of LARC: | Name & Call |
| I would like to nominate the following LARC member(s) for Secretary of LARC: | Name & Call |

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|---|
| I would like more information about helping out on a LARC committee ... |
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YES

NO

Clip & Mail your nomination before October 1st to: LARC, P.O. Box 24810, Philadelphia, PA 19130



A Special Thanks To...

A very special "thank you" goes to Nick Altenberndt (KA1MQX, Cambridge, MA) and Charlie Reavis (K9PVS/5, Dallas, TX). They both provided extensive photos of the LARC activities at the Dayton Hamvention. Most of the pictures in this issue were taken by them. Thank you both for your valuable contribution to the enjoyment of the Dayton Hamvention.

See you there next year!

It Ain't Over 'Till It's Over!

Left, L to R: Brian DeWitt and Bob Laycock (KA8UHL) cue up the tape of the RAIN Foundation interview distributed by IARN around the world.

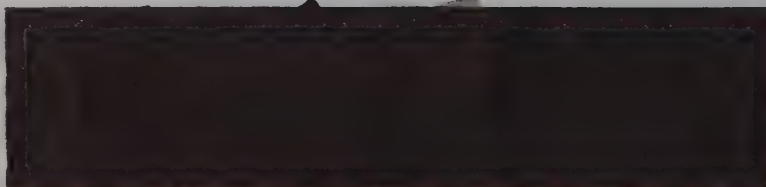
Below, L to R: Jim Kelly and Don Bledsoe get ready for the Annual LARC Business Meeting to begin.



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Net Newsbits

By Jim, (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

Fantastic Dayton 1990!

A total of 34 LARC members and friends attended this year's Dayton Hamvention and enjoyed one of the warmest Hamvention weekends ever. In Attendance were Bob (KA8UHL), Brian DeWitt, Leonard (KB8DOA), James (G4ILW), Jim (K3ATI), Howard (W9BVD), Jim (KK3K), Duane (K4UW), Nick (KA1MQX), Charlie (K9PVS/5), Art (N5MVI), Bob (NG2P), Don (WB6LYI), Mike (N2HGZ), Wendy (KB1AF), Charlie (KCØK), Dale (WAØCFQ), Larry (NU4B), Rick (WM2D), Philip (WD4IJV), John (W3IWL), Vic (WB5MEI), Dick (K3AKK) and Joe, Tom (KI4ZN) and Dick, Irv (AF2K), Dave (WD8IKB) and Kevin, Carolyn (WA8MWA) and Vikki, Gordon (WB5OYL), Keith (G4JED) and former member Kim (WB8ROE). The temperature on Friday of Hamvention weekend soared well into the 80's, and the weather throughout the weekend was quite pleasant. A majority of LARC members arrived in Dayton on Thursday the day before the Hamvention. Over 20 LARC members and friends enjoyed a pleasant dinner Thursday evening on the patio of the newly opened "Growler's" Restaurant which adjoins the Econo-Lodge, LARC headquarters hotel. Dinner was followed by one of several informal get-togethers hosted by Tom (KI4ZN) and Dick which were more memorable and entertaining than any during previous years. On Friday morning, most LARC members had an early breakfast and made their way to the HARA Arena for the 8 AM opening of the flea market. The enormous flea

market seemed bigger than ever and it was great to be able to stroll the endless aisles under blue skies and in shirtsleeves. The LARC Executive Committee had an early 8 AM breakfast meeting Friday before club Officers joined the crowds in the flea market. Friday afternoon, a contingent of LARC members drove to nearby Cincinnati to view the controversial Maplethorpe exhibit, thereby showing their support for courageous gallery officials who are under fire and combining art and gay pride with hamventioning. Friday night, another large contingent of 21 LARC members glowing from a full day's activities at the Hamvention returned to the Casa Lupita Mexican Restaurant for margaritas and excellent Mexican food. Casa Lupita is a Friday night tradition for LARC during Hamvention weekend, and the mood was very festive. After breakfast Saturday, many members began to check out the enormous indoor exhibit areas of HARA arena which seem to stretch back endlessly from the main arena. All major manufacturers are represented, with Kenwood and Icom having the largest and most impressive display booths. The rest of the display areas are populated by other manufacturers of ham and computer related products, and organizations ranging from the ARRL to publishers of the various ham radio publications. Complimentary copies of a beautiful new ham radio magazine Radioscan were being distributed at one booth. Excitement at the Icom booth centered around the introduction of a brand new satellite 2 meter/440 radio soon to be available. LARC members assembled at

CQ DX

By Tom Hendrix (KI4ZN, Winter Springs, FL)

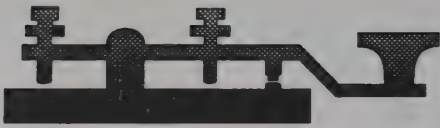
The next best thing to working DX is the opportunity to meet the stations operators. We LARC DX-ers had the rare opportunity to meet and socialize with James (G4ILW), and Keith (G4JED), at the Hamvention in Dayton. Those guys are not only personable but better looking than their pictures, hi!

Maybe next year we will have more international LARC members attend. The personal touch really does add meaning to the QSL card.

The subject of this article is going to be DX NEWSLETTERS and we wish to thank Irv (AF2K) for the information that he provided and which is included. In a future article, we plan to list DX Nets and their schedules. Any help from fellow little gun and big gun DXers would be appreciated. As new amateurs expand their interest in DXing they usually work whatever they hear. However, after a period of time all the easy ones have been worked and this is where skill and patience will be of help. DX Newsletters can provide a very needed and useful tool in acquiring rare DX stations. If you have less than a hundred countries, and you are interested in getting that DX CENTURY CLUB certificate, you would be well advised to subscribe to one or more of the publications listed in this article.

INSIDE DX

This is a weekly newsletter and is published by Art Hubert (N2AU). His mailing address is 436 North Geneva Street, Ithaca, New York 14850. This is a four page newsletter filled with the latest DX news and provides a QSN section which lists DX stations worked during the



President's Key

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

President, LARC

What a great weekend we had in Dayton this year! Lots of excitement, nice WX, plenty of new faces, all combined to make Dayton 1990 most memorable. We are always fine tuning our approach to Dayton, and we have a few new ideas for next year. Housing for our members is becoming more complicated each year. Howard (W9BVD) does a great job, but we need to organize things a bit so he doesn't have to spend a great deal of time and money trying to pin everyone down as to time of arrival, etc. We plan to design a housing request form for our members which we'll mail out with the newsletter. All of the necessary information will then be available for Howard, rather than having him write letters and make phone calls all around the country trying to firm things up. We'll ask for a deposit, and guarantee you a space in one of our rooms.

We had a nice chat with ARRL Great Lakes Director Al Severson (AB8P) at Dayton. The most important thing that he said to us was that we should encourage all of our members to write, phone, and meet with their respective ARRL Directors to persuade them to allow LARC to advertise in QST. Al said the decision is firmly in the hands of the ARRL Directors. That means it's in your hands. It is up to you to let your representative on the ARRL Board of Directors know that your radio club is doing it's best to promote the hobby and deserves the support of the ARRL. Will you get involved and write a post card, letter, make a telephone call, or seek out your Director at your local hamfest? What you do may make the difference! de KK3K

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To ALL Dayton members of LARC,

I would like to thank all the members that attended the 1990 Dayton Hamfest. Being a first timer at the convention, I found it to be one of the most pleasant times I have ever had with such a large group of people. Everyone in the group went out of their way to make the first timers feel as if we were someone special.

Having never been to a hamfest before I had no idea of what to expect, and what to do first. So I relied on the other members of the group to give me some guidance and direction which gave me a feeling that I could not explain in words. I can imagine that with a convention center so large and with so many people, that one could feel lost. But I can honestly say that once I got rolling I had the ball of my life. I contribute that to the members that were always in contact by the use of the handheld two meter rigs.

I felt a special friendship growing within the group up to the last minute at the airport when I had gotten aboard the jet. I know that I learned a lot about many of the members at the airport as I saw many of them leave. All the members that were at the airport waited around to see the other members off on their flights. I felt that it gave me a member a special feeling of friendship that you do not find that often today.

I know that I plan to keep in touch with the members in the group even though I do not get on the nets regularly. I have the plans made to attend the next year's hamfest. I would recommend that anyone that has not attended or that is not attend this year try to make it to next year's, you will never be able to have a more enjoyable time with any nicer people.

Again, thank you and I hope to hear from the group.

73's and good DXing,

Mike (N2HGZ)

Dayton ... WOW !!!

Wow! ... What an experience my first Dayton has been. It was everything I could have expected and more. Here are just a few words to thank everyone who helped to make it all so much fun. Special thanks to all the guys who I stayed or travelled with during the trip. Including Jim (KK3K), Howard (W9BVD), John (W3IWL), Jim (K3ATI) and to Rick (K2JOZ) for getting me through New York City in one piece. It was great to put faces to all those familiar calls from LARC international schedules and a special pleasure to get to know those members I had not previously met on the bands. If anyone is thinking about going to Dayton in 1991 - Don't hesitate, just get yourself down there! With this group you can't fail to have wonderful time. My only regret is that I couldn't stay longer. See you next year!

James (G4ILW)

Dayton 1990

By Charles Reavis (K9PVS/S)

I have attended many hamfests over the years, including several at Dayton. However, being with the LARC group made this Hamvention unquestionably the best I have ever attended.

The fundamentalists constantly rage about the gay threat to "traditional family values." When I arrived at Dayton and met the LARC members there we became a family. We are people who chose to come together and share our common interests and lifestyle.

There is a definite mystique about Dayton. Although I have owned many rigs, the Yaesu FT-470 I bought at Dayton will always be special for me simply because I bought it at Dayton. I don't think I will ever sell it or trade it away.

It was gratifying to see so many younger people at Dayton. I don't think the hobby is dying out, but we all need to do everything we can to get new people on the bands. I certainly have mixed feelings about the "no-code" proposal, but I think some form of no-code is inevitable. I do wonder why almost nobody tries to tell the aspiring ham that CW is more than a

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noon on Saturday for the traditional group picture under a few light sprinkles which was the only rain of the weekend. Saturday evening, it was back to Tom's(KI4ZN) room for another social hour. At 6PM Saturday, the LARC official business meeting took place in the conference room at the Econo lodge followed by the LARC banquet at Anticoli's Italian restaurant. Following festivities at the LARC banquet, a contingent of LARC members visited the 1470 WEST Disco in Kettering for some late evening dancing. Sunday morning, under a threat of rain which never materialized, LARC members made their way to the HARA arena for some serious wheeling and dealing on the final day of the Hamvention. Major purchases included an Icom IC735 for an incredible deal price of \$888.00 by Philip (WD4IJV). HT's were purchased by Mike (N2HGZ), Charlie (K9PVS/5), and Vic (WB5MEI). Duane (K4UW) bought Bencher paddles and an EMS board. Jim (K3ATI) bought a VGA monitor. As the Hamvention began to wind up, LARC members gathered in HARA arena for the major prize drawings. LARC had two winners this year, Philip(WD4IJV) won a Mosley 2 meter beam antenna worth \$175.00 and Keith (G4JED) won a world clock and a subscription to QST. The weekend literally flew by, but many newly found friends said fond farewells as LARC members left Dayton 1990 for home after a really fantastic, fun filled weekend.

LARC Presents Certificates to KC9RP and W2NSD/1

* Framed Certificates of Appreciation from the membership of LARC were presented to Hap Holly (KC9RP) of the RAIN Foundation, and Wayne Green (W2NSD/1), publisher of 73 Amateur Radio. Club Officers made the presentations on Saturday, April 28 at the Dayton Hamvention. Hap Holly was honored for doing the historic interviews with LARC Secretary Bob (KA8UHL) which were broadcast internationally over the shortwave ham bands last year. Wayne Green was honored for his editorial support of LARC's efforts to advertise in mailstream amateur radio publications. Both Hap Holly and Wayne Green were suprised and delighted to be the recipients of the certificates and both had good things to say about their association with LARC.

LARC Officers Meet with ARRL Director Severson (AB8P)

LARC Officers met with ARRL Great Lakes Division Director Al Severson (AB8P) at the Dayton Hamvention. Severson took time out from staffing the busy ARRL booth to spend time with LARC members and offer much candid and helpful insights into the status of LARC's efforts to gain League acceptance. Severson said that the issue now rests with the 15 member ARRL Board of Directors with between 3 and 6 Directors prepared to vote to allow LARC to advertise in QST. Severson recommended having all LARC members contact their Directors to push for acceptance of LARC. He also suggested adding all ARRL Directors to our mailing list so that they receive copies of the Lambda Net News. He acknowledged that the Golden Gate Chapter of LARC has recently become an ARRL affiliated club. LARC Officers learned that, while we have a lot of work to do yet with the ARRL, we do have some support in Newington.

UK LARC Members Attend Dayton '90

Two LARC members from England joined stateside LARC members at the 1990 Dayton Hamvention. James (G4ILW) and Keith (G4JED) attended and enjoyed Hamvention '90 and LARC activities. James made the trip specifically to attend Dayton, while Keith was stateside on a business trip and was able to arrange to spend Friday evening and Saturday in Dayton.

LARC Business Meeting and Banquet Wrap-Up

The annual LARC Business meeting was held on Saturday, April 28 in Dayton Ohio in conjunction with the Dayton Hamvention. LARC Officers presented a recap of the status of the club. Highlights included references to LARC's history making international broadcast interviews by LARC Secretary Bob(KA8UHL), and LARC's ad now running in 73 Amateur Radio magazine. A straw poll was taken regarding a no-code license, and a resolution was passed charging LARC Officers to formulate a position on the FCC Communicator License proposal, and file official comments with the FCC. Elections for LARC Officers will be held later this year. LARC will renew its ad in

73 Amateur Radio but not in The Advocate for the time being. The LARC Executive Committee is looking into the formation of a special committee to work on special projects for the club and involve more members in helping to run the club. At the LARC banquet, a special award of recognition was presented to Bob(KA8UHL) for his many efforts on behalf of the club during his several years of membership. The 1990 "Top Op" award was presented to Irv (AF2K), and LARC "Operating Achiever" trophies were presented to Irv, Jim (KK3K) and Rick (WM2D). Door prizes donated by LARC members were raffled off with Charlie (K9PVS/5) winning a Kantronics UTU-XT/P all-mode terminal unit; Vic (WB5MEI) winning a set of 1990 callbooks; Mike (N2HGZ) winning a copy of the Radio Operator's World Atlas; and Brian DeWitt winning a copy of the ARRL Antenna Compendium.

LARC Chapter News

The Golden Gate Chapter(San Francisco) became an official ARRL affiliated club in May 1990(see QST, May 1990, page 59). GGC members are in the process of raising funds necessary to participate in the 1990 San Francisco Gay Pride Parade and Festival. Members plan to demonstrate amateur radio, distribute literature and answer questions at their booth.

The Rochester Chapter slated their monthly brunch for Sunday, May 20, the same weekend as the large Rochester hamfest, so that members will be able to combine some hamming with their monthly social get-together. Tentative dates for future chapter meetings are June 17, and July 15.

COBL (Philadelphia) Chapter members will meet in June at a date to be announced. Members should contact Jim (KK3K) for further information.

Dallas Chapter members will be sponsoring an information table at their gay pride event scheduled for June 16. The Potomac Chapter (Washington, DC) met at Annie's Paramount Steak House on Saturday, April 7. Informal monthly meetings continue. Contact Mark (KC3XC) for information.

The May 20th meeting of the Hollywood Chapter was a great success with 11 of the 14 members present along with two invited guests. In the last six months, the club has helped Geoffrey Alch (N6ZYQ), Eric Levinson

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(KC6LSS), and Michael O'Donnell (KC6LSU) from unlicensed to Technician Class amateurs. The next meeting of the Hollywood Chapter is set for Sunday, August 5th at the QTH of Paul Hulse (KK6JD).

Member Correspondence

LARC Secretary Bob(KA8UHL) has received a request for a LARC endorsement of the Cleveland Gay Pride Day march to be held on June 16. Bob endorsed the march citing LARC's history of such endorsements dating back to the 1987 National March on Washington. The club recently received a nice letter from Tomas Lysjo (SM6SJO) who lives in Boras, Sweden. Tomas was formerly the editor of a Swedish CB magazine. He received a copy of a press release that Don (WB6LYI) sent out worldwide last fall. Tomas is gay, and he would like to join LARC. His membership application is on the way! We now have a member in Switzerland! Bruno Gideon (HB9BOB) joins us from Zurich. Bruno found out about LARC via a contact with Don (WB6LYI) on CompuServe, a computer information service. Check out Worldradio, June 1990 pages 27 & 28 where an article titled Nets, A Big Plus For Hams! penned by LARC President Jim (KK3K) appears. Eric (WAØKVD) writes that he is "stuck out here in Hawaii" until 1992 (poor dear!). He has suggested establishing HF calling frequencies for use by LARC members, and he would like to see a LARC committee handle issues such as writing the FCC about ham radio issues, contacting the Harvey Milk high school, etc. (LARC Officers are working on this proposal now!) Rich (AA1Z) checked in to the LARC HF skeds from the mobile while driving cross country in early May. He hopes LARC members will get together at the ARRL Southwestern Division Convention in San Diego, August 24-26 (for info contact Chairperson Sybil Allbright (W6GIC) at (619) 278-4284. Keith (G4JED) writes that his trip to Dayton was hectic but great. He enjoyed meeting everyone, and enjoyed the scenery during his 10 hour drive back to the Washington, DC area.



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hurdle to overcome in order to get a ham ticket. CW is fun ... it really is! There is nothing like a good rag-chew on CW when you reach a rapport with a total stranger. You don't hear the voice. You don't see the person. It's like a direct link of two minds.

My thanks to the officers of LARC who did the hard work of putting the event together. Everything went smoothly and I have already marked my calendar for 1991. To those LARC members who haven't participated in the Dayton experience I can only say it's more wonderful than words can express.

CQ DX

past few week, and on what frequency and mode. Inside DX includes a column about new and active DX callsign prefixes which is useful to amateurs who are interested in the CQ magazine WPX Awards program. It also has a calendar of future DX activities and includes IOTA(Island on the air) info. If you would like a sample issue, enclose a business size (number 10) SASE (self addressed stamped envelope) with your request. A trial subscription(one-half year) costs about \$17. Art is an active DXer with 332 countries worked.

THE LONG ISLAND DX BULLETIN

If you would like to receive a free sample copy of this biweekly DX bulletin, you can request it by writing to The Long Island DX Bulletin, P.O. Box 173, Huntington, NY 11743-0173. Enclose an SASE using a business sized envelope. The subscription rate is \$16 per year. This newsletter is printed on 8.5 x 14 inch white paper. It provides propagation forecasts in four categories. DX contact opportunities are listed alphabetically by location (Bahrain through Tasmania) as an example. Current DX QSL routing is included alphanumerically in callsign sequence. J. Harvey McCoy, W2IYX, produces this excellent DX newsletter.

QRZ DX

If you would like a free sample copy of this weekly newsletter, you can request it by writing to QRZ DX, P.O. Box 832205, Richardson, TX 75083. It is appreciated if you enclose an SASE or postage. This weekly is mailed first class to US amateurs. It lists DX QSL managers and their addresses. It includes a list of current DX data (call signs, frequencies, operating times) obtained from worldwide contributors. QRZ DX includes special topics of interest to DX enthusiasts.

THE DX BULLETIN

This is a four-page bulletin published by Chod Harris, WB2CHO/VP2ML. It covers DXpedition news, DXCC news, DX notes, IOTA, propagation data, DX QSL info, DX contact reports (showing band, frequency, mode and time) and a calendar of future DX contact opportunities. This bulletin receives input from its worldwide readers. Free report forms and cards are available from Chod. The price of 50 issues is about \$29.00 and \$38.00 for second- and first-class mail respectively. The mailing address is P.O. Box 50, Fulton, CA 95439; or his phone number is (707) 523-1001. A business sized SASE with your request will bring a sample bulletin and introductory data sheet.

MISCELLANEOUS

There is a DX bulletin sent by W6RGG on 14.002 MHz and 7.016 MHz every Monday at 0200Z (Sunday night at 9:00 PM EST). W1AW transmits its DX bulletins each Friday at 0245Z (Thursday night at 9:45 PM EST) on 3.990 MHz. Give a listen for the absolute latest in DX information and news.

LARC BANDSCAN

(Contributed by Rick, WM2D)

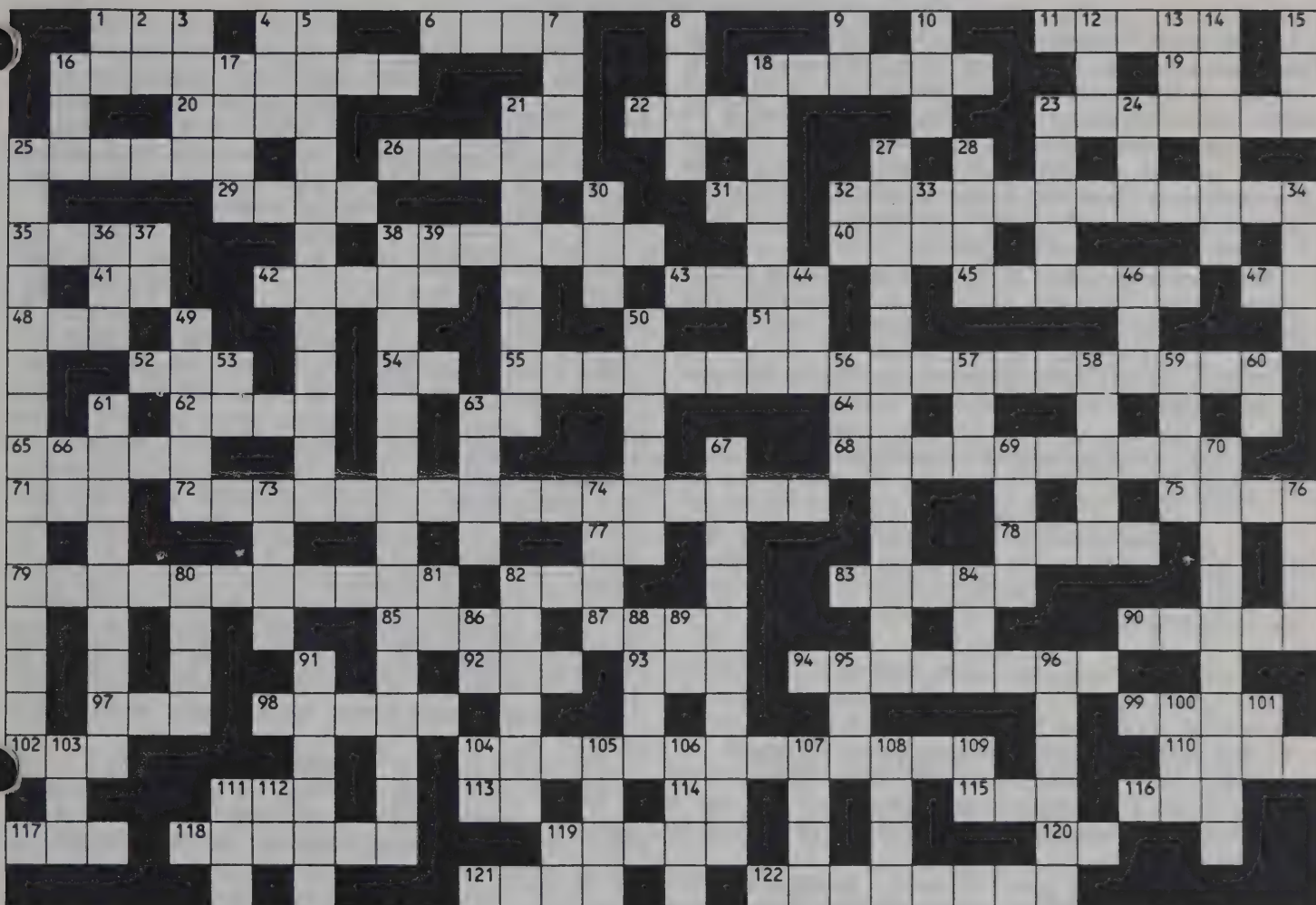
Contests: WM2D in ARRL DX Contest and NU4B in WPX SSB Contest

Heard in pileups: W9HRQ called XT2PS on 28.579.8 and worked him at 1551Z. WA0CFQ and WM2D on Monday sched at 1600Z. Trying first 14.325 and up.

Keep those cards and letters coming!

73 and GUD DX — Tom, KI4ZN

A PUZZLE FOR PARTNERS -- #1
from PARTNERS: The Newsletter for
Gay & Lesbian Couples



DOWN

1. Uncovered by intimate experiences. (abbr.)
2. The way things look when your relationship goes well.
3. Last thing played at boot camp.
4. Comes after nine.
5. A choice for lesbians who want children.
7. How to fight with a partner.
8. Some couples first met at these.
9. Careful type of intercourse. (abbr.)
10. Gender.
12. Pollen eater.
13. Celestial body, source for heat & light.
14. Hot.
15. "His & ___." (towel monograms)
16. Person who should stay out of our bedrooms.
17. Whirl.
18. Thompson's S.O.
21. Alice's life partner.
23. Federal return type; not for gay couples.
24. Legal organization that supports gay rights, bar none. (abbr.)
25. Ask for them were you work or play. (2 words)
27. Adds children to household with equal custody for parents. (2 words)

28. ___ of Avon; he dedicated romantic sonnets to a man.
30. Marry.
32. Closet. (abbr.)
33. Burst of laughter.
34. Best dress for bedtime.
36. Talking song.
37. Battle here for city workers spousal benefits. (abbr.)
38. Legal way to take care of your partner. (3 words)
39. News wire service. (abbr.)
44. Tic-___.
46. Many denials.
49. Meant to be read when your dead.
50. Form of acting.
53. Perform.
56. Gets votes in DC. (abbr.)
57. Dance form.
58. Anniversary flowers.
59. Clue.
60. Greatly annoy. (abbr.)
61. Rite of commitment. (2 words)
63. Cheeze eaters.
66. With regard to.
67. Ceremony at 1987 March on Washington for Lesbian & Gay Rights. (2 words)
69. Experience after death of a partner.
70. Relationship glue.
73. Response (along with bearing it) to partner's old jokes.
74. Amphibious fly catcher.
76. ___-mate. Long-term partner.

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80. Selfless emotion.
81. Well?
82. Author of bestseller on lesbian/gay couples.
84. One use of a spoon. (slang)
86. One of your first words.
88. Non-gay legal organization; supports gay marriage. (abbr.)
89. Not applicable. (abbr.)
91. Gay teller of tales, who sometimes writes about same-sex couples.
95. Healthy direction from a closet.
96. ___ & Lyon, long-time partners & co-authors.
100. Raw material for wedding ring.
101. Elliott's boyfriend, who is just out of this world. (film)
103. Marriage vow. (2 words)
104. ___-dependent.
105. Said to help romancing.
106. Almost perfect partner.
107. Car.
108. Thought.
109. Negative.
111. Burnside & ___, long-time partners & Fairie friends.
112. Mantra.
119. "To ___, or not ..."

Introduction to Packet Radio — Part 11

By Larry Kenney (WB9LOZ, San Francisco, CA)

In this part of the series we'll take a look at many of the TNC commands available to you that we haven't covered in previous articles. We will be discussing the commands used in the TAPR TNC2 and TNC2 clones. You might find that some of the commands are not available in your particular TNC or that they're used in a slightly different manner than the one explained here. Please refer to your owner's operating manual for specific details on how to use these commands in your TNC.

8BITCONV

This command enables the transmission of 8-bit data in converse mode. Used with AWLEN - see below. For normal packet operation, such as keyboard to keyboard transmissions, use of bulletin boards, and transmission of ASCII files, 8BITCONV should be OFF. If you need to transmit 8-bit data, set 8BITCONV ON and set AWLEN to 8. Make sure that the TNC at the receiving end is also set up this way. This procedure is normally used for transmission of executable files or a special non-ASCII data set.

AWLEN

This parameter defines the word length used by the serial input/output port of your TNC. For normal packet operation, as described above, AWLEN should be set to 7. Set to 8 only if you're going to send 8-bit data.

AX25L2V2

This command determines which level of AX.25 protocol you're going to use. If OFF, the TNC will use AX.25 Level 2, Version 1.0. If ON, the TNC will use AX.25 Level 2, Version 2.0. Some early TNCs will not digipeat Version 2.0 packets.

With AX25L2V2 OFF, if your TNC sends a packet and the packet doesn't get acknowledged the first time it was sent, it will send it again and again, until an "ack" is received or the TNC retries out.

With AX25 ON, if your TNC sends a packet and doesn't receive an "ack" the first time, it will send a poll frame to see if the other TNC received the packet. If yes, then it would continue, if not then it would send the last packet again. The advantage here is that short poll frames are sent, rather than long packets containing data. This can greatly reduce channel congestion.

For VHF/UHF operation, it is almost essential that every TNC have AX25L2V2 ON. Many operators have suggested that Version 2.0 NOT be used on the HF bands as it tends to clutter the frequency with poll frames. See the CHECK command below for related information.

BEACON

Used with EVERY or AFTER to enable beacon transmissions.

BEACON EVERY n - send a beacon at regular intervals specified by n.

BEACON AFTER n - send a beacon once after a time interval specified by n having no packet activity.

n = 0 to 250 - specifies beacon timing in ten second intervals. (1 = 10 seconds, 2 = 20 seconds, 30 = 300 seconds or 5 minutes, 180 = 1800 seconds or 30 minutes, etc.) For example, if you set BEACON EVERY 180 (B E 180), the TNC will transmit a beacon every 30 minutes. If you set BEACON AFTER 180 (B A 180), the TNC will transmit a beacon after it hears no activity on the frequency for 30 minutes. B E 0 will turn the beacon off. The text of the beacon is specified by BTEXT and can contain up to 120 characters. The path used for the beacon transmission is specified by the UNPROTO

command. **YOU SHOULD USE BEACONS INTELLIGENTLY!** Beacons are often a point of controversy in the packet community because they tend to clutter the frequency if used too frequently. You should keep your beacons short and infrequent, and they should only be used for meaningful data. Bulletin boards use the beacon for advising the community of who has mail waiting for them, clubs use beacons for meeting announcements, beacons are used for weather warnings, etc.

CHECK n

Sets a timeout value for a packet connection. Operation depends on the setting of AX25L2V2. The value of CHECK (n) determines the timing. Value may be 0 to 250. Check set to 0 disables the command. If a connection between your station and another exists and the other station seems to "disappear" due to changing propagation or loss of an intermediate digipeater, your TNC could remain in the connected state indefinitely. If the CHECK command is set to a value other than 0, the TNC will attempt to recover. The setting of AX25L2V2 will determine what action is taken. If AX25L2V2 is ON, the TNC will send a "check packet" to verify the presence of the other station if no packets have been heard for $n * 10$ seconds. ($n = 1 = 10$ seconds, $n = 5 = 50$ seconds, $n = 30 = 5$ minutes, etc.) If a response is received, the connection will remain. If no response is received, the TNC will begin the disconnect sequence, just as if the DISCONNECT command had been sent. If AX25L2V2 is OFF, after no packets are heard for $n * 10$ seconds, the TNC will not send a check packet, but will begin the disconnect sequence.

CMSG

Enables the automatic sending of a connect message whenever a station connects to your TNC. If CMSG is ON, the TNC will send the message contained in CTEXT as the first packet of the connection. CTEXT can contain up to 120 characters. This feature is often used when the station is on but the operator is not present. The connect message is used to advise the other station of that fact, and often says to leave a message in the TNC buffer. If CMSG is off, the text message is not transmitted.

MAXFRAME

Sets the upper limit on the number of unacknowledged packets the TNC can have outstanding at any time. (The outstanding packets are those that have been sent but have not been acknowledged.) It also determines the maximum number of contiguous packets that can be sent during one transmission. Value can be set from 1 to 7. The best value of MAXFRAME depends on the frequency conditions. The better the conditions are, the higher the value you can use. If conditions are poor due to the amount of traffic on the frequency, noise, or other variables, (shown by lots of retries) MAXFRAME should be reduced to improve throughput. The best value of MAXFRAME can be determined through experimentation. MAXFRAME of 1 should be used for best results on HF packet.

MFILTER

This command allows you to enter up to four ASCII character codes, 0 - \$7F, for the control characters that you want eliminated from your monitored packets. Codes may be entered in either Hex or Decimal. Here are the ASCII codes for some of the more troublesome control characters found in monitored packets:

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New Members

By Bob Laycock (K8BYHL, Cleveland, OH)

The expression "We Are Everywhere" is affirmed once again as more and more gay and lesbian hams join LARC! The ad in 73 Amateur Radio is attracting a great response with many inquiries and applications.

Norman Osborne (VE3CJF) of Sault Saint Mariem Ontario saw us in 73. Norman enjoys jogging and fitness, and runs a Yaesu FT-980DM and KAM TNC (all mode).

Edwin Santiago (WP4CYF) of Puerto Rico also saw the 73 ad and applied. Edwin's interests include drag race cars and fishing. His station includes a Uniden HR-2600 on 10m and an Azden 4000 on 2m.

Darrell Skeels (N7NGH) saw the ad and joined in Mukilteo, Washington. Darrell is on 2m with an ICOM 228H and Astron RS-12A, and on 10m with the Uniden HR-2600. He enjoys Amiga computer art, scuba diving, New Age and 80's rock, and Star Trek.

73 helped Geraldine Trudeau (N1GIK) find us in Sandwich, Massachusetts. Gerree collects toy robots, enjoys movies and is interested in AIDS issues. Gerree's station includes the Kenwood TS-140 and TH-31, and a Yaesu FT-411.

Finally, David Schwartzberg (N1HBU) and Robert Hayes (N1HBX), who live together in Dorchester, Massachusetts, joined after seeing the ad in 73. David's into computers, music, and photography. Robert enjoys broadcast radio and television/video photography. Their station includes a Kenwood TS-940 and Yaesu FT-736 on discone and Butternut antennas.

Bruno Gideo (HB9BOB) [this writer likes that call!] joins us from Zurich, Switzerland. Bruno learned of LARC through the CompuServe Information Service and enjoys computers and writing. He is not currently on the air, but that may change.

Ken Unger also heard about LARC on CompuServe and is studying for his ham ticket. Ken lives in Weston, Connecticut and enjoys scanning and computer art.

Paul Hulse (KK6JD) joins LARC from North Hollywood, California. He learned of us through Rick Fearn (K6VE) and Lyle Henry (K7OO). Paul's station includes a Kenwood TS-140 on dipoles and a Butternut HF6V vertical. He also operates 2m, 220, and 440.

Robert Bothum (WA9UXN) joins LARC in Bradenton, Florida. Robert operates a Kenwood TS-430S on a trap dipole and a TR-7600 for 2m mobile. His other interests include scuba diving, fishing, and boating. He also belongs to the Tampa Bay Business Guild.

George Wilson (W6LQE) lives in Mountain View, California. George operates HF in all modes on a Yaesu FT-101B with a homebrew vertical antenna. He also enjoys rollerskating, flea markets, music and festivals, and substance-free events (smoke, drink, and drugs).

It's a great pleasure to have all these new members aboard. The people in LARC make this clearly the best amateur radio club anywhere!

Midwest Men's Festival

By Charlie Dailey (KCØK, Springfield, MO)

Attention all male LARC members! Do you enjoy the Great Outdoors? Did you spend all your money at Dayton and you're now looking for a CHEAP vacation? Have I got a deal for you!

For the past 8 years, a very special event has taken place called the Midwest Men's Festival. The Festival began in 1982 as a regional gathering for men who were exploring change in their lives and roles. Over the years, the event has grown in size and scope, encompassing men from various walks of life, ages, and personal experiences — but so far no Ham operation. The Festival is a pleasant place for having fun and creating friendship. The ten day affair will take place this year at beautiful Camp Clover Point at the Lake of the Ozarks State Park in central Missouri. This park is among the state's largest and has beautiful wooded areas for hiking, exploring, and, of course, the Lake itself for swimming and boating. However, boats are not provided by the State park.

There are many craft, workshop, and playshop activities each year. Vegetarian meals are provided, but those wishing to bring meat are encouraged to do so. Registration fee this year is \$25 for a minimum stay of three days and \$7 for each additional day.

If anyone is interested in attending or would like a brochure, please call or write. It would be much more fun with some LARC members present!

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So Where's the @#!&* Newsletter Been, Anyway?!

By Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI, Long Beach, CA)

By now, I'm sure all of you were wondering whether or not you'd ever see another issue of the Lambda Net News. I was beginning to wonder myself.

As many of you know, earlier this year I accepted a new position with my company, Zenith Data

Systems. I now work for the Corporate Training Department in Chicago and am stationed in Southern California. The work has been unusually hectic since I joined the department and I have been travelling a great deal.

Since Dayton, I have been on the road 42 days and have traveled to Phoenix (2), Chicago (3), San Francisco (1), Sacramento (2), Salt Lake City (2), Seattle (1), Portland (1), San Diego (1), Washington DC (1), El Paso (1), Albuquerque (1), and Tucson (1). All this travel has put a temporary crimp in my spare time. As a result, the NEWS has been delayed in coming to you. I am hoping that this will diminish in the future and that we will get back on-track with this issue.

In the next issue of the NEWS, I am planning to bring you the sights of Dayton from the various members who captured it on film. It should be a fun issue!



Introduction to Packet Radio

| HEX | DEC | FUNCTION | POSSIBLE RESULT |
|------|-----|-----------|--|
| \$07 | 07 | Control-G | Rings your bell or "beeps" your speaker |
| \$0C | 12 | Control-L | Form feed - could clear your screen |
| \$13 | 19 | Control-S | Can cause your screen to stop scrolling |
| \$1A | 26 | Control-Z | Can clear your screen |
| \$1B | 27 | Escape | Can cause your cursor to move to a random point on your screen and can raise havoc with printer control. |

AEA has added a new code, \$80, that will not allow ANY control characters to be displayed on the user's screen from monitored packets.

MHEARD

An immediate command that causes the TNC to display a list of stations that have been heard since the command MHCLEAR was given or the TNC was powered on. This command is useful for determining what stations can be worked from your QTH. Stations that are heard through digipeaters are marked with an * on most TNCs. On the AEA PK-232, the stations heard direct are marked with the *. (Check your TNC manual.) The maximum number of stations in the list is 18. If more stations are heard, earlier entries are discarded. Logging of stations heard is disabled when the PASSALL command is ON. If the DAYTIME command has been used to set the date and time, entries in the MHEARD list will show the date and time the stations were heard.

PASSALL

Causes the TNC to display packets that have invalid checksums. The error-checking is disabled. If PASSALL is ON, packets are accepted for display, despite checksum errors, if they consist of an even multiple of eight bits and are up to 330 bytes. The TNC attempts to decode the address field and display the

callsigns in standard format, followed by the text of the packet. PASSALL can be useful for testing marginal paths or for operation under unusual conditions. PASSALL is normally turned OFF.

SCREENLN n

This parameter determines the length of a line of text on the terminal screen or platen. Value may be 0 to 255. A (CR-LF) carriage return and line feed are sent to the terminal in Command and Converse modes when n characters have been printed. A value of zero inhibits this action. If your computer automatically formats output lines, this feature should be disabled.

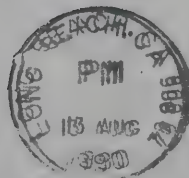
TXDELAY n

This parameter tells the TNC how long to wait before sending data after it has keyed the transmitter. All transmitters need some start up time to put a signal on the air. Some need more, some need less. Synthesized radios and radios with mechanical relays need more time, while crystal controlled radios and radios with diode switching require less time. External amplifiers usually require additional delay. Experiment to determine the best value for your particular radio. TXDELAY can also be useful to compensate for slow AGC recovery or squelch release times at the distant station.

There are many additional commands available to you. I've only covered the ones that I thought would be the most useful to you. Spend some time reading the owner's operating manual that came with your TNC to discover some of the surprises the other commands offer. New versions of the TNC software have added several commands that you might find useful in your packet operating.

(Thanks to N7FSP for some of the information used in this part of the series.)

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Net Newsbits

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

LARC Set for Dayton 1990

A record number of LARC members are preparing to attend the 1990 Dayton Hamvention during the last weekend of April. LARC Officers are busy preparing for LARC related activities at Dayton including the annual LARC business meeting to be followed by the LARC banquet. LARC Housing Coordinator Howard (W9BVD) will be mailing an information sheet to all LARC members on record as planning to attend the hamvention. LARC members who do not receive an information sheet by mid April should contact Howard for a copy of the mailing. Highlights of the Hamvention include the huge flea market which opens early Friday morning, indoor exhibits sponsored by all of the major manufacturers, and a series of interesting forums which run throughout the three day event. Look for a full report on LARC Hamvention activities in future newsletters.

Excellent HF Propagation Continues

Reports that the current sunspot cycle has peaked have not dampened LARC HF Net activity. Check-ins to LARC nets on March 11 included: GØBEV, G4ILW, KI4ZN, AF2K, WAØCFQ, K3ATI, W9BVD, WB5MEI, WA4ITY, N5MVI, AA6LJ, K9PVS/5, WA6MXR, WB6YYZ, N2CJM, KK3K and WB6LYI. On Sunday, March 18, conditions on the 15 meter transatlantic sked were excellent and a rag chew across the Atlantic ensued and lasted over one hour. Other LARC stations heard recently include: KE2GE, K4UW, KC3XC, KA1MQX, W9HRQ,

W6DBZ, W4LDG, KCØK, N2JFD, GMØKWL, WM2D, KA7FYC and N7MNT

LARC Chapter News

LARC members in the Rochester, NY area met for their inaugural chapter meeting on Sunday, March 18. Seven members attended the meeting which was a brunch which was organized by LARC Rochester members KE2GE and AF2K. The next meeting of the Rochester chapter has been set for April 22 and the chapter has proposed future meetings for the third Sunday of each month.

Philadelphia COBL chapter members met at Rick's (K2JOZ) QTH on Sunday, March 11. The next COBL chapter meeting is set for Sunday, April 22 at Jim's (KK3K) QTH at 12 noon, and James (G4ILW) will be visiting from England. LARC members in the area are encouraged to attend and meet James. Let Jim (KK3K) know if you plan to attend.

Potomac chapter members met for dinner on Saturday, March 3rd at Lucy and Fred's restaurant which is located in the Lost and Found bar/disco complex.

Hollywood Chapter members are meeting at the QTH of Lyle (K7OO) on April 7th to plan their trip to San Francisco to assist the Golden Gate Chapter's participation in the annual Bike-A-Thon.

UK members G4ILW, GØBEV, G4MUT and G4HUT met at the Newcastle Rally on March 3rd. The hamfest attracted over 1,000 UK hams from all over the UK. While the WX was generally good, the winds did pick up forcing GØBEV and G4ILW to dismantle the HF special event station antennas

Over There From Over Here

By Stuart Hill (GØBEV, Newcastle, England)

Perspective is a strange thing. The world may seem a very different place at different times, depending on how you look at it. Or, from the radio amateur's point of view, from where you happen to live or speak. From the point of view of a European observer for instance, the United States for all its variation, often seems as a large but relatively homogeneous whole. Thus as one travels, one has a common currency, by and large a common language, similar social institutions, customs and so forth, and for communications purposes, unified Federal law, wherever one happens to be. Distance has this habit of telescoping seeming differences, though lest readers should spring to re-affirm the diversities of the US continent, consider it from a trans-Atlantic viewpoint. By the same token, Europe seen from the other side can take on the wholeness of a monolith. (I remember this very clearly from my first visit to the US, many years ago, and was startled by my new view of the world!)

By and large, most "western" countries have a fairly benign attitude to amateur radio, and accepting that some degree of regulation is necessary to avoid chaos, radio amateurs have quite a lot of freedom of action and expression. Those of us who have worked a good many countries around the world should be very well aware of the inhibitions that can be heaped upon individuals under less politically tolerant regimes. (This seems to be true as much for gays as for radio amateurs.) Without doubt, a high value seems to be placed on contacts by

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President's Key

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

President, LARC

We now have so many members that our Sunday HF skeds are becoming a bit difficult to manage! It is difficult to insure that all stations on a nationwide net get a chance to participate, especially when not everyone can hear everyone else, and we have a dozen or more check-ins. While other nets operate with a formal net control operator, we can perhaps keep our roundtables more informal if everyone is more aware of the need to make sure that everyone who checks in to a LARC net gets a chance to make a transmission. There are a few things each operator needs to do to make this work. First, write down all of the calls you hear so that you can turn it over to someone who hasn't had a chance yet after you're finished your transmission. Second, take it upon yourself to ask for check-ins. Perhaps there is someone hearing you who has not yet checked-in to the net. Third, keep your transmissions short the first time around so that everyone else is sure to have time to make thier transmission. If we all do these few easy things, then we won't need to formalize our net structure too much and everyone will get a chance to enjoy the LARC HF skeds.

We have had a few requests from ham clubs for copies of our newsletter, most notably, from a radio club in India and another in Cleveland. It would be helpful to be able to share our newsletter with a few select non-gay friends such as Wayne Green, and to be able to present our newsletter as evidence of the great job that our club is doing to promote amateur radio. When we're trying to persuade people like ARRL Officials to work with us, we can't very well expect them to come over to our side if we're not prepared to at least show them exactly what kind of publication we put out. While we're not planning to widely distribute the Lambda Net News outside of the membership, we will share it on a limited basis with friends, other ham clubs, and we will use it as a tool to promote our club where it can do us some good. This will be all the more incentive to keep improving our already excellent newsletter! de KK3K

Dayton is just days away!

See you there!

DXpedition to FP-land!

Rick Auer (K2JOZ) is organizing a DXpedition to exotic St. Pierre & Miquelon for late summer or early fall this year. It is located just off the southern tip of Newfoundland. He expects to spend four or five days there. If you'd like additional information about the planned trip, contact Rick directly. Happy DXing!

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before contact could be established with stateside LARC members.

Member Correspondence

Nick (KA1MQX) is now on the air fom his apartment with Drake equipment and using the Barker & Williamson window mounted antenna. His signal is excellent on 40 meters where he has been checking into the Thursday evening East coast SSB sked.

Brian (GMØKWL) is also back on the air with new antennas after his previous antennas were destroyed by the high winds which have been hitting the UK and Scotland.

Larry (NU4B) checked into the LARC transatlantic sked on Sunday, March 18 and worked G4ILW, GØBEV and GMØKWL. AF2K was Florida bound again on March 25 for a week returning on March 30.

Dale (WAØCFQ) reports that he may be changing jobs soon and relocating to Wichita or Denver.

G4ILW and WB6YYZ made contact during the Sunday LARC transatlantic sked on March 4. This was the first time ever for a LARC UK to West coast successful contact. Stuart (GØBEV) has just finished building another packet TNC. He plans to experiment with HF

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LARC Calendar

Here's upcoming events of interest to LARC members:

April

- 26 Thu., Dayton Hamvention. Early-bird day. Informal LARC dinner and get acquainted time together.
- 27 Fri., Dayton Hamvention opens. Hospitality Suite and informal LARC dinner.
- 28 Sat., Dayton Hamvention continues. Hospitality Suite and Official Annual LARC Business Meeting followed by Annual Banquet.
- 29 Sun., Dayton Hamvention closes at 5pm

packet and he will soon be interested in skeds with stateside LARC stations with HF packet capability.

Jim (K3ATI) may be relocating later this year to upstate Pennsylvania while still maintaining his many contacts in the Philadelphia area.

Tom (KI4ZN) has finished laying the ceramic tile floor in his kitchen. That frees up more time for DX!

Jim (KK3K) and Dan spent two days in Toronto in March. Jim met Toronto LARC member Dave (VE3OHG) and had lunch with former member Bob (VE3DOO).

CQ DX

By Tom Hendrix (K14ZN, Winter Springs, FL)

Here we go again. Listen up! We are now going to enter the wonderful world of DX. Let's assume you have decided to opt for the use of a DX Net (this is the easy way and saves hours of tuning and listening). The net control operator will announce DX stations available and will provide the QSL route information. He(or she) will ask for stations wishing to work the DX (this may be done by call areas). Remember as time goes by (love that song), propagation changes usually going east to west. Here is your chance to shine. Unless otherwise specified, use only the last two letters of your call (use phonetics, i.e. ZULU NOVEMBER).

Hopefully, net control will have picked up your call letters — especially if you have unabashedly repeated them over and over at a few decibels above normal hearing (DXers are not timid ... it is survival of the bold and tricky, hi!). When you call the DX station, if you know the operator's name use it. He knows his call letters. Be considerate, don't engage in lengthy chit-chat such as weather, your backache, etc.; otherwise others waiting may get belligerent and call you undesirable names. You will be required to repeat your signal report to verify the validity of the contact. We plan to provide you with a list of DX Net frequencies in a forthcoming article. If you want to fly solo, look for DX Bulletins on your local packet Bulletin Board System (BBS).

Here is a list of DX Regulars you may want to listen to and possibly work:

| Location | Call | Band | Time (UTC) |
|-----------------|--------|--------|------------|
| CEUTA & MELILLA | EA9IB | 28.490 | 1400 |
| EASTER ISLAND | CE0FFD | 28.010 | 1845 |
| FRANZ JOSE LAND | 4K2OIL | 20M CW | 0300 |
| GAMBIA | C53GB | 28.485 | 1200 |
| LIBERIA | EL7X | 21.010 | 2145 |
| MICRONESIA | V63AO | 28.510 | 2100 |
| MONGOLIA | JT1CS | 14.027 | 1400 |

Just for kicks and to verify my statements in the last LAMBDA NET NEWS during the recent ARRL DX Phone Contest (March 3rd weekend) using 80 watts, and a 3 element triband beam at about 40 feet, I worked 70 plus countries on 10 meters in less than two hours. Regretfully, none of these were on my list of "collectibles."

For the seasoned DX operator and to whet your appetite, here is a scan of my log book since February of this year.

| FREQ. | TIME | CALL | COUNTRY & COMMENTS |
|--------|-------|-----------|----------------------|
| 14.977 | 3:45 | JT1BY | TOM, MONGOLIA |
| 21.268 | 3:12 | FK8GF | ALEX, NEW CALEDONIA |
| 21.336 | 3:40 | 3D2IJ | SIGI, FIJI |
| 21.290 | 2:47 | CE0DFL | MARCO, EASTER ISLAND |
| 14.228 | 4:57 | A22AA | CHARLIE-BOTSWANA |
| 14.177 | 3:33 | AP2ZR | ZUBAIR PAKISTAN |
| 14.195 | 4:52 | SM7PKK/FW | MATTS, WALLIS ISLAND |
| 28.403 | 14:22 | H21AB | JOHN, SAUDI ARABIA |
| 21.295 | 02:26 | ZK1XS | RATONGA-COOK ISLANDS |
| 21.299 | 03:09 | HS0E | THAILAND |
| 14.222 | 04:28 | Y1BGD | BAGDAD, IRAQ |
| 28.330 | 21:26 | VR6JR | JIM PITCAIRN ISLAND |
| 28.507 | | S73 | SEYCHILLES |
| 14.226 | 14:04 | VQ9HB | CHAGOS |
| 14.226 | 14:08 | A41KJ | OMAN |
| 14.226 | | P29BT | DAVE, NEW GUINEA |

Please suggest topics for future articles. Appreciated, also, is authors for future related DX articles.

73 and Good DX — Tom, K14ZN

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amateurs in such places. I've certainly been impressed by the efforts and length that some have gone to, in order to put a station on the air; if the end results sometimes lack refinement, perhaps they deserve more support and encouragement for all that. At any rate, things do seem to be getting better.

So, with a new found perspective, what differences would a Stateside operator see from Europe? First of all, the move from Region II to Region I involves a certain amount of curtailments. Most of the familiar bands are there, but usually reduced in size: 80 metres is reduced to 3.5 - 3.8 Mhz, 40 metres to 7.0 - 7.1 Mhz (rather a pity that, it being such a useful band); ten, fifteen and twenty metres are unaltered. 50 Mhz is a relatively recent gain in the UK alone in Europe, but now several other countries have followed suit. The restriction here was due in the main to former use of Band I (40 to 88 Mhz) for domestic TV, which still continues in many countries.

The 2 metre exclusive amateur band here has only half the width available: 144 to 146 Mhz, with a correspondingly tighter bandplan, though in practice, outside major urban areas, the space available is still more than adequate. Channelisation is still 25 khz, though there are proposals to introduce 12.5 khz during the next few years. When I was operating in the US a couple of years ago, on 2 metres, I found this something of a problem, using equipment to European standards. 70 cm is also available (430 to 440 Mhz) but with various restrictions to avoid encroachment on military allocations - this particularly has affected packet mail-box operation, and largely prevented use of the band for end-user access, to which it otherwise would be well suited. This has been the case in other European countries also, apart from West Germany for some reason, which has managed to escape this problem. The 220 Mhz band is not available at all in Europe. The "new" WARC bands: 18 & 24 Mhz, have very recently been fully released to amateurs in the UK, and hopefully this will become the case throughout the Region in time. 10 Mhz is also available, but with mode restrictions (SSB is discouraged.)

Licensing classes vary even more throughout Europe, with some countries having relatively few, other having many. It's quite difficult to summarise as there are so many different possibilities, but in the UK we have one of the simplest. There are at present only two classes, A and B. Class B licencees are restricted to frequencies above 30 Mhz (only quite recently allowed to use 50 Mhz). Formerly "phone only", a few years ago, CW was also added, mainly to encourage graduation to Class A. In Class A, all modes and available bands are permitted, and for both classes, power limits are 150 W DC input or 400 W P.E.P. for sideband modes. Moves are also afoot to introduce a Novice class license with the aim of attracting more young entrants into amateur radio. This is certainly overdue, since age (or excess of it!) is the factor most likely to kill amateur radio in the UK (perhaps elsewhere too.) Younger people have so many competing attractions available to them that amateur radio often is seen as a difficult and esoteric pastime suitable only for "slightly odd and unsociable individuals" (to quote RadCom from the RSGB!)

In other countries, the license situation varies in complexity. Thus is France, Ireland and Norway, there are two basic classes, like the UK, but with different power limits. West Germany has three, with higher power limits, as have Greece, Netherlands, and Spain. Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Italy and Switzerland have four apiece, and power limits range from 100 W DC to 1 kw input. Several countries have a restricted class with a low

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power limit (often 10 W) and CW only, limited to certain bands. Add to this an assortment of languages, widely varying provisions for reciprocal operation (though there is progress on that front), and it is easy to appreciate the peculiarities of operating in Europe. If you've ever grumbled at the FCC over Stateside licencing restrictions, have a thought for us over here!

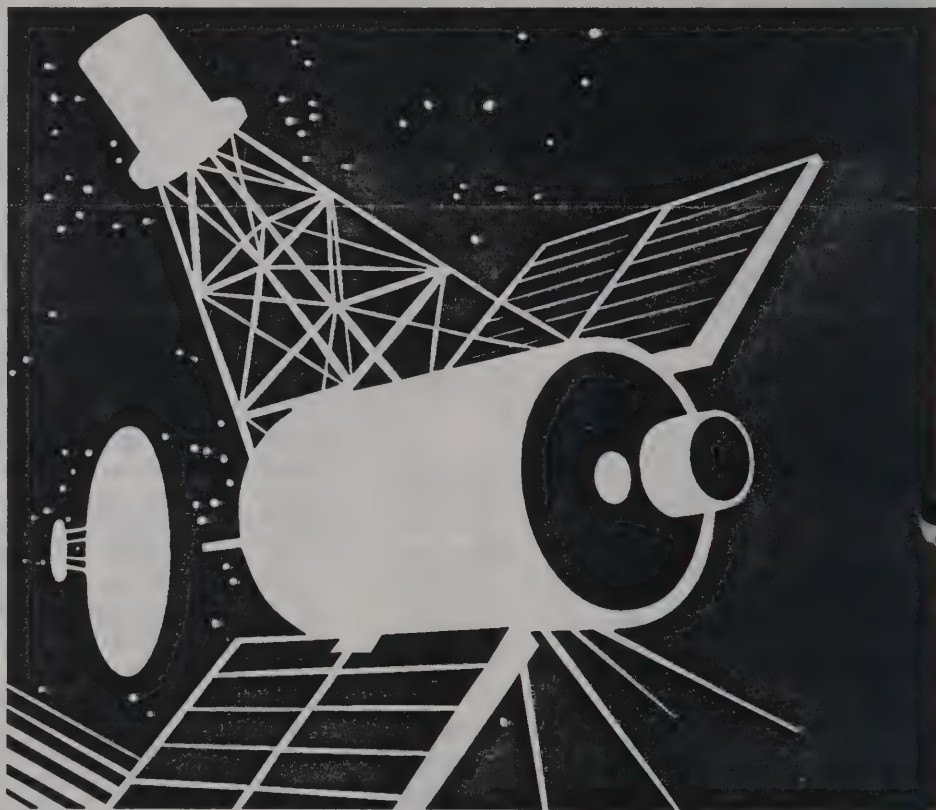
Reverting to the philosophical for a moment, gay life is even more diverse than amateur radio — at least the latter is all written down for one to find, the former is more often than not a matter of piecemeal, fragmented, personal experience. To synthesise from both aspects a coherent view is something better

left for another time, enough to say that as far as gay lifestyles go, there is at least as much if not more variation from one country to another. This is something I'll come back to in another article, but for the moment, maybe this will provoke a little thought and comment. It would be nice if it might also encourage some more Stateside LARC members to point their antennas Eastward for the Trans-Atlantic skeds — it's not so hard to reach Europe and beyond (I use no more than about 150 W PEP and a delta loop, no linears, not even a beam!) so why not give it a try — I'm sure there will be plenty to talk about!

Listen-In to Space Shuttle

If you've ever wanted to "listen in" to the goings-on of the space shuttle, here's how! The shuttle is carrying what is widely regarded as the most sophisticated payload ever devised, the Hubble Space Telescope, and is scheduled to be launched soon after its recent delay. Approximately one hour before launch of the shuttle, the Goddard Space Flight Center Radio Club (WA3NAN) will begin rebroadcast of the shuttle audio feed and will include orbital data hourly. The frequencies to listen are: 3.860, 7.185, 14.295, 21.395, and 28.650 MHz.

For more information, you access the SPACELINK BBS at 205-895-0028 by computer, or you can call the Goddard Space Flight Center Radio Club hamshack at 301-286-6673. Good listening!



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LARC Hamvention Contingent Growing

All of the eleven rooms reserved for LARC members planning to attend the 1990 Dayton Hamvention will be occupied, according to LARC Hamvention Housing Coordinator Howard (W9BVD). Howard has received confirmation from our headquarters hotel, the Econo-Lodge, and LARC Treasurer Tom (K14ZN) will be forwarding a deposit from the club Treasury to the hotel to guarantee the rooms. LARC members planning to attend the Hamvention should have notified Howard by this time if you need a room so that he can prepare room assignments and send Hamvention information prior to the Hamvention to those LARC members planning to attend. This year's attendance looks as if it may surpass last year's record when 32 LARC members met for Dayton 1989.

FCC Offers New No-Code Proposal

A new class of license which would replace the novice and technician classes is just one element of the already controversial FCC initiated proposal for a no-code license announced on February 8th. The new class would be called "Communicator" and the requirement would be to pass a 60 question written test. Communicators would be able to use all emission types but only on 220Mhz and above. Current novices and technicians would be "grandfathered" indefinitely under the scheme of FCC PR Docket 90 55. Transmitter power for communicator class licensees would be

limited to 200 watts PEP. There would be no code requirement for this class, however, there is a provision in the proposal to allow communicator class licensees who pass a code test to gain the operating privileges of the current technician class. These are just some of the highlights of a very complex proposal which has generated instant controversy already around the bands and in ham radio circles. The Amateur Radio Newslite, formerly the Westlink Report, will sponsor a National Teleconference Radio Net, or NTRN on Sunday, April 8th to discuss this new FCC proposal. The time for the net will be 8 to 10 PM Eastern time, 5 to 7 PM Pacific. Hams in most areas should be able to monitor this conference on one of their local 2 meter repeaters. Check with your local repeater club for further details and available frequencies for the NTRN. The FCC is soliciting comments from all amateurs regarding all aspects of this proposal and in particular, the provision barring communicator class licensees from 6 and 2 meters.

Prodigy Computer BBS Posts LARC Notice

The Prodigy computer bulletin board service, owned by Sears and IBM, posted a notice on their amateur radio bulletin board in late January which was submitted by LARC President Jim (KK3K). The notice gave background information about LARC as well as the LARC POB and telephone hotline number for anyone wishing further information about the club. This is significant because Prodigy edits all notices and rejects notices which they

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CQ DX

By Tom Hendrix (K14ZN, Winter Springs, FL)

LARC Treasurer

The thrill of making your first DX contact and the subsequent receipt of that beautiful exotic QSL card can only be compared with making your first CW QSO — attended with a nervous fist, muddled wits and a damp brow.

DX is definitely habit forming and can lead to frustration as well as elation and possibly an inflated ego (Honor Roll status). I'm safe I have not yet reached nirvana.

The ultimate award DXCC (100 contacts confirmed by QSL cards) is not that difficult to achieve. It just requires planning, experience and good luck. It has been awarded to QRP, Phone, CW, Mixed CW and phone, and single band operators. With the current propagation conditions, it should be your best chance to get the DXCC award with minimum cost and time.

The purpose of this one of a series of articles is to acquaint you with the world of DX and to provide you with the benefit of others' experience. Hopefully, it will inspire you to try your hand in DXing. Also, we will try to provide helpful hints and tips to guide you to become an expert user in a minimum amount of time and keep your mailman busy.

Equipment

Of course, if you have a 100 foot tower, a California kilowatt, a no tune station and lots of spare cash, you should have no trouble in getting DXCC. However, it seems most of us are not that well endowed (no comparisons please) so we must work "smart."

Other possible advantages are multiband privileges, a beam antenna and plenty of time and patience. To minimize

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President's Key

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

President, LARC

For those who may be wondering about what we're doing these days in regard to LARC and the ARRL, I have just written two letters to LARC officials asking for reconsideration of our request to run an ad in QST. I am still convinced that the ARRL is wrong in refusing to run our ads. Now that 73 Amateur Radio is running our ad, League officials need not worry about breaking any new ground by running our ad. Their concern should be to do what is consistent with their own stated goal of working for the benefit of the amateur radio service. I cannot understand how they can continue to reconcile their shoddy treatment of our club with their own stated goals. I think certain ARRL officials realize that the League position on LARC is wrong, but who knows when they'll stand up and "do the right thing." LARC club Secretary Bob (KA8UHL) is also planning to write his ARRL Division Director along similar lines, and Bob is planning to ask for a meeting between LARC and ARRL officials at the Dayton Hamvention. We'll keep you posted!

Sometime last summer a writer for The Advocate contacted LARC officials in connection with his plan to write a feature article on our difficulties with the straight amateur radio press. The writer interviewed several LARC officers and, as far as we know, submitted the finished article for publication. The Advocate failed to publish the article, and the writer has since severed his association with that publication. It is unfortunate that The Advocate did not publish the article because our club should be of interest to all gays and lesbians. We could also use the publicity. I wrote the Chairman of the Board of Liberation Publications who publish The Advocate to suggest that they should cover our club, but there's no guarantee that they will any time soon. It doesn't hurt to ask, though!

Have you read the new FCC proposal for a no-code license? It is dynamite! No more technicians on two meters; this is heresy! A 60 question test? Some say we'll have no new hams, period. Within minutes of the publication of this proposal, all hell broke loose. I've already read condemnations of this proposal from hams, even though I don't know how anyone could have had time yet to begin to really understand the potential effects, both good and bad, that this proposal could have. I want some time to analyze it, and read what others have to say about this proposal before I make up my mind. How does it compare with the no-code setups that other countries have? What is this proposal designed to accomplish in the minds of the FCC personnel who wrote it? On April 8 there will be a national teleconference on the proposal which will be picked up by 2 meter repeaters nationwide. Give this a listen and read about this proposal before you make up your mind. One thing is for sure, the time has long since come for a no-code license. The FCC has taken the bull by the horns because we amateurs have been fighting among ourselves over this issue for too long. We better look long and hard at this one because it may be our last shot at no-code, and without no-code ham radio may well go down the tubes! de KK3K

New Members

By Bob (KA8UHL, Cleveland, OH)

LARC Secretary

1990 is off and running with seven new members joining the ranks of LARC! Interest is picking up also from the ad in 73 Amateur Radio. The responses are starting to come in.

Our first member from Australia as joined! Robert Skinner joins us from Kingston. His other interests include railroad steam engines and stamp collecting.

Meanwhile, Jack Joyce (KH6MY) joins from Lawai, Hawaii. Jack saw us in The Advocate and operates HF with an inverted-V 5-band dipole and a 2-element Butternut Butterfly. His rig is a Ten-Tec Triton II. Jack also enjoys golf, gardening, and sailing.

Dick Stutsman (N9EX) joins us from Inverness, a Chicago suburb. Dick's station includes a Moseley PRO-57 and Hustlers for 2 meters and 220 MHz. He also enjoys bicycling, astronomy, and computers. Dick owns ComQuest, the computer matching service we've all seen advertised, and some have used!

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LARC Calendar

Here's upcoming events of interest to LARC members:

April

- 7 Sat., Meeting of the Hollywood Chapter.
- 26 Thu., Dayton Hamvention. Early-bird day. Informal LARC dinner and get acquainted time together.
- 27 Fri., Dayton Hamvention opens. Hospitality Suite and informal LARC dinner.
- 28 Sat., Dayton Hamvention continues. Hospitality Suite and Official Annual LARC Business Meeting followed by Annual Banquet.
- 29 Sun., Dayton Hamvention closes at 5pm

Reminder ...

Don't forget that you can get LARC brochures free for your next public function. Use them for Pride Day events, information tables, your next public club event, etc. The brochures are packaged 50 in a shrink-wrapped bundle. All you have to do is write to the club or call the LARC hotline and request them.

**Dayton is almost days
away! If you have not
reserved your room, call
Howard (W9BVD)
immediately.
See you in Dayton!**

expense and get a taste of DXing, concentrate first on 10 meters. Low power requirements, novice operation phone privileges, and great skip characteristics are typical of this band. A simple light weight beam antenna can be constructed and rotated by a small inexpensive TV type antenna rotator. Also the height requirements are reduced. A halfwave on 10 meters is approximately 16 feet; but of course the higher the better to avoid signal loss by absorption. The band is now open until late in the evening.

Other Station Aids

A current DX International Callbook: An American Callbook — if you're working foreign DX, why a stateside Callbook? Many of the DX stations have a US QSL Manager. This is great for you since you get your return QSL quicker and postage costs are reduced.

ARRL Membership — An ARRL Member is allowed to use the Membership Outgoing QSL Service. You can send a pound of cards (155 cards) each month for \$2.00. What a bargain! This beats the use of IRCs (International Reply Coupons) sold by the Postal Service. The last time I purchased these they were about \$.75 each. Considering 3 or 4 are required per DX contact the price of DXing become prohibitive. Alternately, a first class airmail letter to most countries is \$.45. This is the fastest way of getting a return. Don't forget to include either IRCs or a "Green Stamp." You cannot expect the DX stations with thousands of contacts to provide the cost of mailing. Also, don't forget to include an SASE.

A World Map/Globe — This will allow you not only to learn geography but the direction to aim your beam. Of course, there are shareware computer programs (like TOTAL HAM) which

will not only get your DX List and status, but provide the azimuth angle (degrees from True North) to the DX station from your location.

A good log book — Make sure it has columns to enter QSL Via (Bureau, Manager or Direct), QSL Sent and Received Dates. Good record keeping is essential or you will be mired in maze of details. Checking off received cards will let you concentrate on those that are overdue. Be sure to keep your log in UTC time.

A clock — a 24 hour clock set to UTC (formerly GMT — Greenwich Mean Time) and sometimes called Zulu time, a carryover from military usage.

Optional — DX Magazine (weekly or monthly). As you progress, you may want to plan for upcoming DXpeditions or to find a QSL route for some station that you have worked during a contest. DX stations do pause to provide QSL routing. If you are on Packet Radio, many local Bulletin Boards carry DX information and ARRL DX Bulletins. You may also obtain this information from CompuServe (a National Computer Network). Just go HamNet and follow the prompts.

Net Operation — the most efficient way to begin DXing. Each band has a DX Net scheduled at different times. For example (one of long standing is the Family Hour — founded by W7PHO, Bill Bennett, who is now a Silent Key). You will find this net on every night at 1300 UTC at 14.222.

Okay, let's take a break. Next time we'll discuss DX protocol and tips on getting through a "pileup." By then you should be either DXing or ready to begin. Any suggestions for this series is not only welcome but appreciated. Guest columnists are invited.

Introduction To Packet Radio - Part 10

By Larry Kenney (WB6LOZ, San Francisco, CA)

Here are some tips to help make your packet operating a little more enjoyable. Whether it's while making local QSOs, checking into a BBS or mailbox, or working DX, there are a few things you should take into consideration that will help eliminate waiting time and increase your throughput.

When connecting to another station, don't use a digipeater unless you have to. Each digipeater you add to the chain increases the time required to get your signal to its destination and to get an acknowledgement returned. It also increases the chance for interference and for collisions with other packets. You'll be amazed at the difference in throughput when comparing a direct connect to one with just one digipeater in the path.

Also, if you have a choice, use a frequency that doesn't have a lot of other traffic on it. It makes sense that the more stations there are on frequency, the more chances there are for collisions and retries. A path that will work perfectly without a lot of traffic, can become totally useless under heavy traffic conditions.

Dr. Tom Clark (W3IWI) has determined that for EACH HOP, the loss of packets can vary anywhere from 5% to 50% depending on the amount of traffic. Remember, each digipeater and node adds a hop, so multiply those percentages by the number of hops, then multiply by 2 to account for the acknowledgement, and you can see how quickly the path deteriorates as traffic increases and digipeaters and nodes are added to it.

Another consideration, especially if working over a long distance, is atmospheric conditions. You might not have

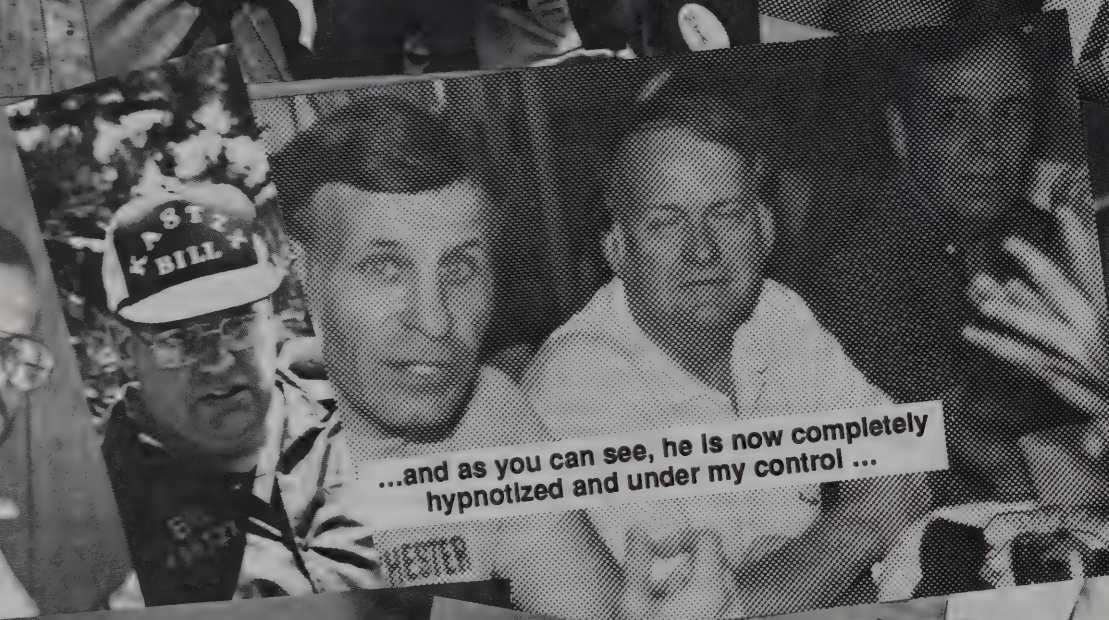
experienced this before on VHF, but with packet's high sensitivity to noise, a slight change in signal strength can mean the difference between getting your packets through or not getting them through. An example of one path that is very vulnerable to conditions due to its distance is from W6AK-1 on Mt. Vaca to WB6AIE-1 on Bald Mountain in Yosemite National Park on 145.05 MHz. Most of the time, packets go between these two digipeaters without any problem, but there are times, especially when it's a hot summer day in the Sacramento Valley, when it's impossible to get a packet from one to the other. In the Bay Area, the fog has a drastic affect on VHF signals. When a fog bank is moving in off the Pacific, it can act as an excellent reflector. Signals that are not normally heard can reach signal strengths of 40 over S9.

NET/ROM, TheNet, and KA-Nodes, as discussed in previous articles in this series, do a great deal to help you get your packets through, but you must remember that they, too, are affected by the number of hops, the traffic load and the atmospheric conditions between you and the destination station. The big advantage to NET/ROM is that the acknowledgements do not have to return all the way from the destination station. Packets are acknowledged from node to node, so that eliminates a large part of the problems encountered. Getting the original packet through, however, remains to be as much of a problem for the nodes as it is for you when using digipeaters.

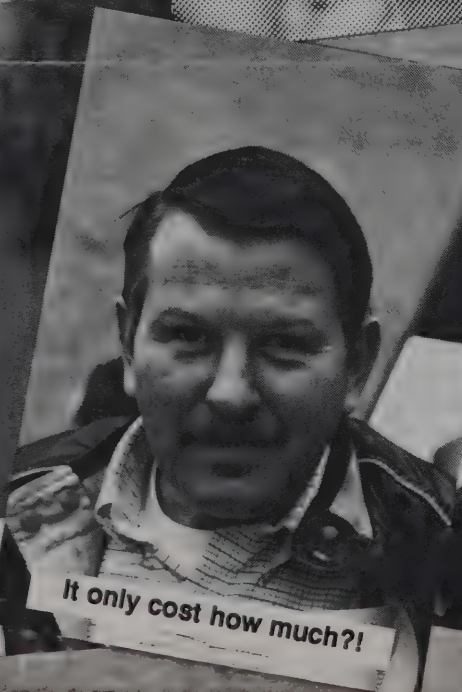
In the next part of this series we take a look at some of the more obscure TNC commands and how you use them.

A look at past Dayton Hamventions...

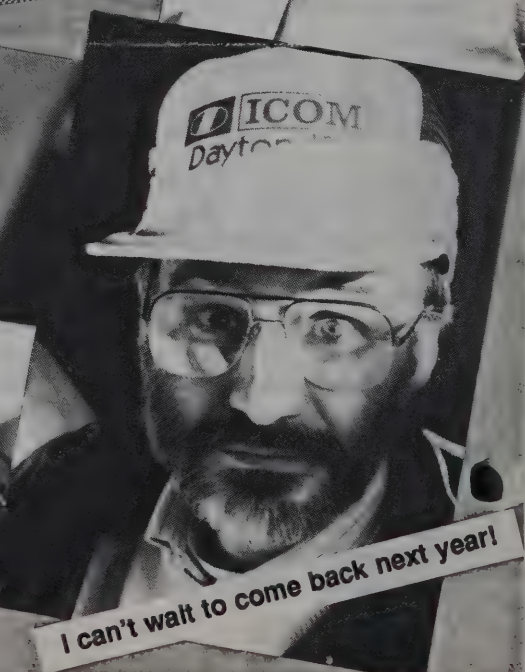
... It's a gorgeous teal blue contact lens with light blue flecks ...



...and as you can see, he is now completely hypnotized and under my control ...



It only cost how much?!



I can't wait to come back next year!

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consider inappropriate. Jim reports that one individual did respond to the notice which was posted in late January. Jim plans to re-submit the notice to Prodigy periodically.

LARC HF Roundtables Continue

On Sunday, February 11, there were seven check-ins to the LARC transatlantic HF sked. Stations on frequency were: G4ILW, WAØCFQ, AF2K, KK3K, WA4ITY, KI4ZN and WB5MEI. Conditions were very good on both 10 and 15 meters, and the sked lasted for about 45 minutes. The stateside HF skeds were also very well attended as conditions were excellent. Stations heard included: K9TWE, W9BVD, AA1Z, WB6YYZ, AF2K, KI4ZN, WAØCFQ, WM2D, K4UW, KA6GVP/MM2, K3ATI, N5MVI, N7MNT, KK3K, N2CJM and guest check-in W1CDM/mobile 6. The roundtable lasted for almost two hours with the best conditions noted on 15 and 10 meters.

It's Not Too Late to Renew!

LARC renewals for 1990 have been coming in at a good pace during January and February, however we are still looking for renewals from about a third of the membership. If your newsletter has a special renewal due notice on the outside please take a moment to send in your renewal now so that you will continue to receive your copy of the newsletter. We need everyone's support to continue building the club, so please renew for 1990 now!

Chapter News

The Philadelphia (COBL) Chapter has slated its next meeting for Sunday, March 11, at the QTH of Rick (K2JOZ). Meeting time is set for 12 noon. COBL Chapter members planning to attend please contact Rick and let him know you're planning to attend.

James (G4ILW) reports that at least five LARC members in the U.K. will be meeting at the Newcastle Rally (Hamfest). This will give LARC U.K. members a chance for an eyeball QSO and James and Stuart (GØBEV) have promised to take photos for the LARC newsletter.

Discussions are underway regarding the formation of a LARC chapter in Rochester, NY, according to Irv (AF2K). Members in the Rochester, NY area are trying to decide on a format and schedule for chapter activities.

Potomac (Washington, DC) Chapter members took a month off from their schedule of monthly informal dinner get-togethers.

Hollywood Chapter members met in late February and congratulated member Geoff Alch on obtaining his novice ticket after just one week's worth of study using the Gordon West 21 Day Novice Course which he borrowed from the LARC lending Library. Good show, Geoff!

Golden Gate Chapter members have been contacted by an ARRL Official regarding their application for affiliation with the ARRL, however no final word has been received yet as to the outcome of their application. GGC members are beginning to plan again to provide communication for a Bike-A-Thon to benefit AIDS. The next GGC Chapter meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 8 at 8 PM at Kit and Arturo's QTH. Talk-in on 147.51 simplex.

Member Correspondence

LARC members gearing up to attend the Dayton Hamvention include Wendy (KB1AF), James (G4ILW), Dale (WAØCFQ), Leonard (KB8DOA), Don (WB6LYI), Jim (KK3K) Irv (AF2K),

Jim (K3ATT), Brian DeWitt, Bob (KA8UHL), Duane (K4UW), Tom (KI4ZN) and Dick, Dick (K3AKK) and Joe, Howard (W9BVD), John (W3IWL), Rick (WM2D), Larry (NU4B), Charlie (WA4ITY), Vic (WB5MEI), Art (N5MVI), Charlie (K9PVS/5) and Charlie (KC0K).

James (G4ILW) is back on the air after having to return his IC-735 to Icom for repair. James had lost SSB capability but the problem was corrected by Icom and James is back on the air with a fine signal from Newcastle.

Irv (AF2K), and Bob (KA6GVP) both attended and enjoyed the Miami hamfest in early February. Unfortunately, they did not get together for an eyeball QSO because they were unaware that other LARC members were in attendance. LARC members can use the newsletter to post notices of upcoming hamfests which they will be attending. Just phone-in the information to the LARC HOTLINE (1-215-978-LARC) and we will put the information into the newsletter for all to see. LARC members can meet at hamfests via the LARC 2 meter calling frequency of 145.800.

Antenna work and a busy work schedule at the job site have kept Duane (K4UW) from participating in as many LARC nets as he would like, but Duane is looking forward to checking-in more often to LARC nets now with his usual S9 plus signal from Sterling, VA.

Leonard (KB8DOA) has been checking-in to the LARC Sunday 10 meter SSB nets after recovering from a bout of chicken-pox.

Winter conditions have been taking a toll in Wellsville, KS where Dale (WAØCFQ) has reported severe ice loading on his tribander during the past several weeks. With the amount of rag-chewing that Dale is noted for, we're surprised that the elements of his antenna haven't melted already, let alone the ice!

Winter is still raging at WA6MXR's QTH where Mike is recovering from a bout with the common cold and digging out from the latest snowfall. His signal is strong as ever and Mike is a regular check-in to the Sunday afternoon LARC HF nets.

Bob (KA6GVP/MM2) is returning to the San Francisco Bay area for several weeks. Bob has been checking-in to the LARC Sunday HF skeds from his maritime mobile QTH aboard his sailboat in the Florida Keys.

Don (AA6GA) still spends a great deal of time on CompuServe, a computer bulletin board system. Don is running a Texas Instruments computer, and Compuserve has a TI Forum where he can download communications and other software for use with his computer. Don has also posted notices about LARC on Compuserve's bulletin board.

Ed (N9BIG) is active mostly on 2 meters but plans to fire up his rig and join the LARC gang on 28.425. Ed writes that he and his significant other both enjoy the Lambda Net News and they wish that they could get more involved, also they both like pen friends so drop them a line at 322 N. 8th Avenue, Wausau, WI 54401.

Pete (G4ORX) is amazed as we all are at the developments in Eastern Europe. Pete is sure that the gay bars in Berlin are packed to overflowing now with the demise of the Berlin wall. Pete just celebrated his 35th birthday and realized that he has been a licensed driver for 18 years and a licensed ham for 9 years! It happens to us all, Pete! He also forwarded two new responses from individuals in the UK interested in LARC.

Kim (WB8ROE) sent in a nice note complimenting the club on the Lambda Net News. Kim is currently not active in ham

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For Sale

Tom (KI4ZN) offers for sale the items listed below. Please contact Tom at 394 Bahama Road, Winter Springs, FL 32708 for any item of interest to you.

SB-220 Linear Amplifier in excellent condition; replaced by new Kenwood TL-922 amp. Will ship. \$400

Kantronics UTU-XT/P for CW, RTTY, AMTOR, HF Packet, and ASCII. \$50

MFJ-1270 TNC-2 Packet Terminal; replaced by PK-232. \$50

New Members

Geoffrey Alch, who is a member of the "Hollywood Chapter" of LARC and just passed his Novice exam, joins us from West Los Angeles, CA. He enjoys music, theatre, and literature.

Robert Larsen (KA6GVP) operates marine mobile using a long wire from the mast (53 feet high) of his 39 foot sloop! His station includes a Yaesu FT-901D on a Butternut vertical and VHF with a Yaesu FT-22R. He also enjoys photography, travel, camping, and fishing.

Jerry Smith (K6OBJ) lives in Sutherlin, Oregon. He first inquired about LARC in May last year, but mailed his application after seeing our new ad in 73 Amateur Radio. Jerry operates a HeathKit SB 300-400.

Welcome aboard, everyone! It's exciting to see LARC continue to grow with such great folks joining. CU on-the-air and hopefully in Dayton, too!

For Sale: Complete RTTY/AMTOR/Packet/CW Station — Just Add TNC!

The following station equipment is being offered for sale by Don Bledsoe (WB6LYT). I would like to sell this as a complete, packaged system for the new packet, RTTY, AMTOR operator. Note that a packet TNC is NOT included as part of the package. The cost of all of this purchased by me new was \$1500, and I am asking only **\$200 plus shipping**. If interested, call me at (213) 494-6765 or drop me a note to P.O. Box 91299, Long Beach, CA 90809-1299. Complete package includes: Commodore 64 Computer with 1541 disk drive, C-64 Training Kit, Star Micronics SG-10C printer, AEA CP-100 Computer Patch (retailed for \$299 alone) with cables to C-64, AEA-Soft "MBA-TOR" software cartridge for CP-100, Kantronics "Pac-Term" software cartridge and disk, CaGen "Contest Log" software on disk, 300 baud modem with software, Zenith Data Systems monochrome monitor for C-64, Simon's BASIC software cartridge, Muse "Smart Start" software on disk, "Net Worth" personal finance software package, Timeworks "Word Writer" software package, and the following books: "Inside Commodore DOS," "Commodore Programmer's Reference Guide," "Basic Commodore 64 BASIC," & "Compute's 3rd Book of Commodore 64." All documentation is included, of course. Please note that while the 1541 disk drive has had little usage, it currently does not work properly and may need repair. All in all, it is an excellent system and was just taken out of service at my QTH.

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radio, but he hopes to return to active status with the club at some point in the future.

Our man "down under" Robert Skinner has volunteered to be the point man for LARC in Australia. Robert plans to personally visit the offices of the publishers of the two major gay publications in Australia to present our information packages prepared by Don (WB6LYT). Robert has already secured assurances from one of the publications that they will carry an ad for LARC.

Jim (KK3K) has been busy with one of his other hobbies, clock building and repair. Jim recently designed and built a steeple case clock case out of pine and he performed routine maintenance on his antique cuckoo clock which belonged to his grandparents.

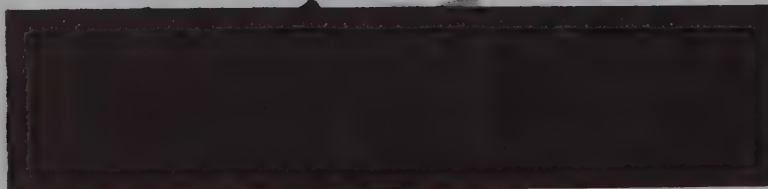
Howard (W9BVD) has completed refinishing the exterior of the antique player piano he acquired recently. Howard also purchased 300 player piano rolls for use when he finishes restoring the mechanism.

Tom (KI4ZN) has been a regular check-in to all of the Sunday HF skeds with his new tower, beam and linear. Tom's signal now rivals that of our famous member in Rochester, NY, who has been clearing the frequency for us for many years. Tom is enjoying DXing and racking up the new countries.



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by Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

New LARC Brochures Now Available

A comprehensive brochure entitled The Lambda Amateur Radio Club - Serving Our Community has been produced and printed and is now available for use by members. A sample copy of the brochure is being mailed to members along with the February issue of the Lambda Net News. The brochure was written by LARC Officers and edited and produced by LARC VP Don (WB6LYI). The brochure will be mailed along with publicity and press packets as a part of our ongoing outreach and public relations effort. In addition, members may request a supply of brochures from LARC officers for distribution locally at gay and lesbian community centers or community events. LARC Chapters can endorse the brochure in the space provided and thereby utilize the brochures at events in which their chapters participate. The brochures are designed to introduce the reader to the hobby and LARC regardless of their background in ham radio, therefore, they should prove to be a valuable tool to help us attract more new members into the service and our club!

NS2V Silent Key

LARC member Bob Siddons (NS2V) became a silent key on December 31, 1989. Bob succumbed to complications from his long battle with AIDS. He had been hospitalized in New York City for several months. A memorial service was held in New York City on January 14th. Funeral arrangements were private.

73 Amateur Radio Ad Responses Received

We have received several responses to our ad which began running in the January issue of I Amateur Radio magazine. Some of the responses came from licensed hams, and we anticipate adding more new members very soon as a result of the ad. The ad is set to run through June of this year, at which time club officers will make a determination as to its renewal.

LARC HF Ops Start Off 1990 With A Bang!

The regular Sunday LARC skeds on January 7, 1990 were well attended. There were nine check-ins to the 14:00 Zulu transatlantic SSB sked and 14 check-ins to the 19:00 Zulu SSB stateside skeds on 20/15/10 meters. The transatlantic sked met on 15 meters, and stateside propagation was also best on 15 meters where a very enjoyable roundtable ensued. Stations heard on January 7th included: AF2K, KI4ZN, WAØCFQ, KCØK, K3ATI, GØBEV, G4ILW, GMØKWL, G4JED, KK3K, WA1VEC, W9BVD, WB5MEI, N5MVI, AA6LJ, N7MNT, W6DBZ, WB6YYZ, WA3DGI/6 (first time check-in), and WB6LYI.

Member Renewals Update

LARC Officers are encouraged by the high number of club members who have renewed their LARC memberships for 1990. Approximately 60 percent of the active members on the club roster have renewed so far, and renewals continue to be received by LARC Treasurer Tom

Membership Renewals Pouring In

Your quick response to our annual membership renewal has been terrific! You are to be congratulated if your membership renewal form has already been mailed — and if you're one of the slow-pokes, it's time to drop it in the mail so you won't have to think about it any more.

A number of you wanted information regarding some of the publications listed on the survey form. We can make any group on our public relations database available in a report or on pressure sensitive labels. For more information, write to Don Bledsoe, P.O. Box 91299, Long Beach, CA 90809.

As you know, on the back was a survey you completed. In addition, many of you wrote notes and comments that I'd like to share:

"I would like to see more state and regional meetings at regular hamfests. I monitor 28.425 many hours a day looking for members."

"Continue efforts to advertise in QST, 73, and other magazines. Keep sending until they accept the ads. I saw a personal ad in either CQ or 73 a few months ago."

"Great job. Enjoy every newsletter. CU at Dayton '90"

"You guys are doing one helluva job! Keep it up (the job I mean)."

"Add a LARC calendar to the newsletter."

"It's a great and growing club combining two interests to make both better."

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President's Key

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

President, LARC

My last visit with Bob Siddons (NS2V) in mid-December was a difficult one. Bob was not doing well then. He had lost more weight and I could tell that his state of mind was not good as it had been two weeks earlier. When the technician came in to take yet another in an endless series of blood samples, Bob became understandably irritated. His veins and arms were sore from all of the repeated punctures during the preceding months. He warned the technician that he would have only one chance to position the needle. I felt sorry for Bob having to endure all of this, and I also felt sorry for the technician, a competent professional who had to face this situation over and over again. His job is not an easy one. The technician searched Bob's arm for many minutes before correctly positioning the needle on the first try. My earlier visits with Bob were better. He was optimistic about his pending release from the hospital. He talked about his plans to get back on the air. We talked about ham radio, world travels, plans for the future. Bob occasionally talked about missed opportunities; places he should have gone but didn't and things he should have done, but didn't. I asked him if it was OK to report his condition accurately in the Lambda Net News, and he said yes because "everyone has probably figured it out anyway." He had his 2 meter handi-talkie in the hospital room with him. He could hit the repeater on top of the Chrysler building easily. He had a semi-private room with a window. He was glad to have the window during the long months of his stay in the hospital.

I had hoped I would never have to write this particular "President's Key" column. Many of us have lost lovers, ex-lovers, friends, and acquaintances to AIDS, but I had hoped that no one in LARC would die of AIDS. I had hoped that Bob would win his battle with AIDS because he was a fighter. His letter to Wayne Green on the LARC advertising controversy was published in the September, 1989 issue of 73 Amateur Radio. Bob wrote "Whether the group is straight or gay is irrelevant. What is important is that they work to promote the Amateur Radio Service and maintain high operator standards." Bob set high standards for us all. We'll miss you, Captain Bob. de KK3K

1990 Renewals

"The newsletter is always top-notch. I'm working on a master's degree so I haven't been real active lately. I'll try to participate when I can. School work comes first for now though. But, I always read the newsletter carefully. Happy holidays/1990... P.S. The campus station here at Delaware is WA3GAY."

"Keep up the excellent work. Would like to see an updated packet roster including member's BBS information. I would hope that ARRL can be convinced to accept advertisements from LARC. In my opinion they are being unreasonable and decades behind the times."

"LARC Officers are doing a great job — which I appreciate."

"I have heard of a proposal to distribute our newsletter outside our membership list. I do not support this idea."

"Suggest people consider being more open on the air, i.e., talking about what they and their S.O.'s (significant other) are up to, in the same way non-gay hams talk about their spouses."

"Always pleased to get newsletter. Good luck for 1990!"

"The NEWS looks good and is interesting — keep up the good work."

"Great job all around — especially the NEWS."

"Keep up the great work — looking forward to Dayton."

"Would like to encourage young people that may be in isolated areas in particular to find out about club. Special interest in Project 10."

"I wish the NEWS were 100 pages every month!"

"Club appears to be making good progress in all aspects — membership, publicity, membership services. Don puts together a real fine newsletter! Real proud to be a member."

"Re: the LARC Newsletter — I enjoy it as it is — you never know what's going to appear next — keep it that way! Net and non-Net Newsbits are wonderful! I even know two of the people mentioned in the Dec. 89 issue from my earlier life. Please keep up the good work with the LARC activities you've been doing — it makes for very enjoyable reading — I read each issue 2-3 times prior to stuffing into the file cabinet."

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LARC Calendar

Here's upcoming events of interest to LARC members:

February

- 24 Sat., LARC - Hollywood Chapter meeting at QTH of K6VE at 12 Noon.

April

- 26 Thu., Dayton Hamvention. Early-bird day. Informal LARC dinner and get acquainted time together.
- 27 Fri., Dayton Hamvention opens. Hospitality Suite and informal LARC dinner.
- 28 Sat., Dayton Hamvention continues. Hospitality Suite and Official Annual LARC Business Meeting followed by Annual Banquet.
- 29 Sun., Dayton Hamvention closes at 5pm

LARC "Hollywood" Chapter Formed

At the Saturday, January 27th initial meeting of LARC members in Southern California, the group decided to form the "Hollywood" Chapter of LARC. Meeting for the first time were Bob (WB6YYZ), Rick (K6VE) and Larry, Ron (W6MYN), Geoffrey Alch (soon to be licensed), and Don (WB6LYI). The meeting ended with lunch served by Bob. The Hollywood Chapter's next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 24th, 12 Noon at the QTH of Rick (K6VE) and Larry. If you're in Southern California, mark your calendar now and be sure to attend!

Net Newsbits

(KI4ZN) daily. The LARC Executive Committee urges all members who have not renewed as yet to send in your renewals now. We need everyone's support so that we can continue our club's programs for 1990.

Dayton Fast Approaching

Many members have already contacted LARC Hamvention housing coordinator Howard (W9BVD) to reserve room space for this year's Hamvention. The official dates for the Hamvention are April 27, 28 & 29, 1990. However, most members are planning to arrive on Thursday, April 26 to kick off the weekend early. Be sure to contact Howard now if you're planning to attend!

LARC Chapter News

The first meeting of the new LARC Southern California Chapter was held on Saturday, January 27 at 10:00 AM at the QTH of Bob (WB6YYZ). The COBL (City of Brotherly Love) Chapter met on Sunday, January 28 at the QTH of Jim (KK3K) in Philadelphia. The GGC (Golden Gate Chapter) met on January 11 in Berkeley and members are proceeding with their application for affiliation with the ARRL. The Potomac Chapter (Washington, DC) continues its schedule of informal dinner outings with a change in restaurants planned for their next meeting.

Call The LARC Hotline!

Members are reminded that they are welcome to use the LARC telephone hotline (215) 978-LARC to phone-in items of interest for the newsletter, ask questions about the club, make comments, register complaints, or request information packets to be mailed to potential members or interested parties. The hotline is connected to a tape answering machine which is on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It's your hotline and ready and waiting for your use!

Member Correspondence

James (G4ILW) is busy making plans to attend the Dayton Hamvention. James plans to arrive in the States a week early which will give him time to adjust after the overseas flight.

Many LARC members with packet capability may have received a novel holiday greeting from Larry (WB9LOZ) and Bill (K9AT). The special message consisted of a Christmas tree graphic and a **BEST WISHES!** greeting from Larry and Bill. Larry and Bill were also the subject of an article in the December 7, 1989 issue of the San Francisco BAY AREA REPORTER. The article was titled "GAYS ON THE AIRWAVES" and it contained much information about the Golden Gate Chapter and its activities.

Nick (KA1MQX) is now enjoying printing color photographs and he expects to be back on the air very soon. Nick has never been active during the peak of a sunspot cycle. He plans to get on the air from his apartment very soon.

Received at the LARC POB: a letter from James Kalassery (VU2ARL) Honorable Secretary of the Society for the Promotion of Amateur Radio of India. Mr. Kalassery saw LARC President Jim's (KK3K) letter in the August 1989 issue of 73 Amateur Radio. He requested copies of the Lambda Net News in exchange for copies of their newsletter. Their club station is VU2ZBT.

Our man in Scotland, Brian (GMØKWL), is sporting a new "home-brew" antenna. His signal was markedly improved as heard on the January 7th transatlantic sked. Congratulations on the new antenna, Brian!

Dan (K9TWE) writes that he now uses a new PBBS: KC9BK.WI.USA.NA. His old PBBS (WB9TYT) closed down after a number of years of faithful service. Dan will miss his old board because it had HF forwarding capability.

Don (WB6LYI) plans to operate during the upcoming 10-10 contest to be held the weekend of February 3 & 4. Look for him and other LARC members around the club's 10 meter frequency of 28.425 MHz.

Robert Skinner, our first member in Australia, has taken the bull by the horns and contacted both of the gay magazines published in Australia to ask them about running a LARC notice free of charge. Robert has received a positive response from the editor of CAMPAIGN AUSTRALIA, who has already agreed to run our notice free of charge! Good work Robert!

Introduction To Packet Radio - Part 9

By Larry Kenney (WB9LOZ, San Francisco, CA)

In this part of the series I'll explain, in detail, the various parts of the packet message. The following is an example of what you see when listing or reading messages on a BBS. On some systems, the information is displayed in a different order.

| MSG# | STAT | SIZE | TO | FROM | @BBS | DATE/TIME | SUBJECT |
|------|------|------|--------|--------|-------|-----------|-------------------------|
| 4723 | P | 1084 | WD5TLQ | WA6XYZ | N5SLE | 0604/1240 | Software working great! |

The message number is assigned by the BBS program when the message is entered and cannot be changed. The numbers are assigned sequentially.

Next you find the STATUS of the message which includes several different bits of information about the message.

The first letter of the STATUS indicates the TYPE of message: B for Bulletin, P for Personal, or T for Traffic for the National Traffic System. Bulletins are messages of general interest to all users, and are available to be read by everyone using the system. Personal messages are not listed for anyone except the sender and the addressee, and only they can read them. (Of course, anyone in monitor mode can see a message of this type as it's being sent, because nothing on packet is absolutely private.) Traffic messages, type T, are messages used for handling traffic on the National Traffic System. (Refer to part 8 of this series for information on NTS.)

STATUS also shows if the message has been read, has already been forwarded to all designated stations, is in the process of being forwarded, or is an "old" message. You might see one of these letters: Y - yes, it has been read, F - it has been forwarded, I - it's in the process of being forwarded right now on another port, or O - the message has been on the BBS long enough to become an "old" message. "Old" can be anywhere from 2 days for an NTS message to 3 weeks for bulletins. The time frame for each message type is specified by the local sysop. The "O" is mainly used to catch the attention of the sysop.

The SIZE indicates the combined total of characters, including punctuation in the message.

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TO, normally, is the callsign of the addressee, but it is also used to categorize messages on particular topics. You might find a message addressed TO AMSAT, TO PACKET or TO ARRL, when it is actually a message about AMSAT, about PACKET or having to do with the ARRL.

FROM shows the callsign of the station originating the message.

You want a message to be forwarded to someone at another BBS or to a specific designator. In the example, the message would be automatically forwarded to WD5TLQ at the N5SLE BBS. You can enter special designators, such as ALLCAN, in the "@ BBS" column for multiple forwarding to specific areas. (See Part 5 of this series for details on using forwarding designators.)

Next is the DATE and TIME when the message was received at the BBS. Keep in mind that the date and time are shown in the time used by the BBS, and can be either local time or Zulu.

The SUBJECT (or TITLE) is a short line telling what the message is all about. It should be brief, but informative. For bulletin type messages, this is the information that determines whether or not a person is going to read your message when he sees it in the message list.

The parts of the message mentioned so far are all included in the header of the message, and are seen when listing messages. The remaining parts are in the body of the message, and are seen only when the message is read.

If a message has been forwarded from another BBS, you'll see forwarding headers at the top of the actual message. This is information added by each BBS that was used to get the message from its origination point to the destination. Each BBS

adds one line showing the time the message was received by that particular BBS, its call sign, and usually the QTH, zip code and message number. Other information is often added, at the discretion of the sysop there. If you use the RH command, rather than just R, when reading a message, such as RH 7823, you'll receive complete headers. With just the R, headers are reduced to a list of the BBS callsigns. Complete headers are useful if you want to determine how long it took a message to be forwarded from the source to destination, and they can be used to determine the path the message took to reach you.

The TEXT of the message contains the information you want to convey to the reader. It can be of any length. When entering a message into a BBS, use carriage returns at the ends of your lines, as if you were using a typewriter. Do not allow the automatic wrapping of lines to occur. A message entered without carriage returns is very difficult to read, as words are cut at improper points, lines vary drastically in length, and blank lines are often inserted.

You complete the text with either a Control-Z or these three characters: the "slash" (/) plus the letters "EX". On some BBSs this must be on a line by itself. This tells the system that you've finished entering the message.

Messages that are going to be forwarded to several BBSs or across a long distance should be limited in size. Extremely long messages can tie up the forwarding system unnecessarily, so users are advised to break up long messages into parts, keeping them to a length of 2 - 3 K each.

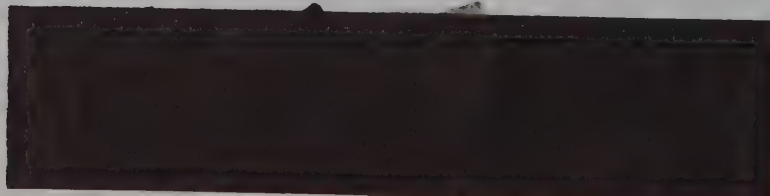
(In the next part of this series, we'll be discussing tips on how to make your packet operating time more enjoyable.)

LARC Calendar Added to NEWS

At the suggestion of one of our members, a calendar of events of interest to LARC members has been added to the NEWS. Now, it's up to you to be sure and send your items of interest so they can be posted. This is especially important for

the local LARC chapters. Send your calendar items in as early as possible to: LARC Calendar, % Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI), P.O. Box 91299, Longm Beach, CA 90809.

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Net Newsbits

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

73 Magazine Runs LARC Advertisement

In a reversal of their previous policy, the management of 73 Amateur Radio has decided to run an ad submitted by LARC officials. The ad first appeared in the January 1990 issue of 73 Amateur Radio which hit the newstands and was mailed to subscribers in December 1989 and it is set to run for at least six consecutive months. This policy change came about as a result of the publication of an editorial written by 73 Publisher and Editor Wayne Green in April of 1989, and subsequent publication of several letters in support of LARC written by LARC members and non-members. The publication of this ad marks the first time a mainstream amateur radio publication has agreed to carry an ad for the club. LARC officials expect to receive an influx of inquiries about the club in response to the ad.

LARC HF Skeds Continue With Excellent Propagation

The regular Sunday LARC HF skeds continued during December with excellent conditions. On Sunday, December 10, there were eight check-ins for the 14:00 Zulu transatlantic sked and three check-ins for the 18:15 Zulu transatlantic CW sked. There were 12 check-ins for the 19:00 Zulu 20 meter net and the rountable lasted for almost two hours. Stations heard included: AF2K, KC0K, WA0CFQ, WA6MXR, WB6LYI, KA6GVP/MM2, KI4ZN, WA4ITY, WB6YYZ, W6DBZ, K3ATI, W9BVD, N5MVI, WB5MEI, KC3XC, WA1VEC,

G0BEV, G4ILW, G4JED, WA4MKL, and G4MUT.

Dayton Reminder

The 1990 Dayton Hamvention will be held Friday, April 27, 1990 through Sunday, April 29, 1990. LARC has a limited number of accommodations available for members on a first-come, first-served basis. If you plan to attend Dayton and require accommodations, please contact LARC Hamvention Housing Coordinator Howard (W9BVD) as soon as possible to reserve your space.

New LARC Chapters Forming

LARC members in the Philadelphia area have formed a Chapter to be known as the "City of Brotherly Love" Chapter. Members have met twice in recent months with the last meeting held on Sunday, December 3rd at the QTH of Rick (K2JOZ). The next meeting of the COBL Chapter is set for Sunday, January 28, 1989 at the QTH of Jim (KK3K) in center city at 12:00 Noon. Members should contact Jim and let him know if they will attend. No notices will be mailed, but watch the newsletter for announcements of all future chapter meetings.

Members in the Dallas, TX area are discussion the possible formation of a LARC Chapter in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area, according to Dallas LARC members Vic (WB5MEI), Art (N5MVI), and Charlie (K9PVS/5). Bob (WB6YYZ) has also mentioned the possible formation of a Southern California area LARC chapter.

LARC Expands "Down Under"

Welcome to our newest member overseas, Robert Skinner, who lives in

Apparent LARC Friend Elected ARRL Director

By Bob Laycock (K8UHL, Cleveland, OH)

Al Severson (AB8P) of Cleveland, Ohio has been elected Great Lakes Division Director of the ARRL. Severson won with 60% of the vote against incumbent Leonard Nathanson (W8RC). Before his election, Severson was Vice Director and has been very active in the central ARRL leadership for years.

Al's response to LARC has been consistently friendly and supportive since I first raised the issue with him in May 1987. From the beginning after our first rejection by QST, Al has counseled LARC to continue sending in the ad over and over until the leadership relents.

In Dayton this year, Al expressed frustration with elements in the League's leadership and suggested that possibly one lone, key individual may be behind their stonewalling of LARC.

I continue to discuss the issue frequently with Al at local meetings here in Cleveland, and believe that we have at least one advocate in the ARRL's inner circle. Let's see if it helps.

New Members

By Bob Laycock (K8UHL, Cleveland, OH), Secretary, LARC

LARC welcomes seven new members to our ranks this month ... and the letters just keep on coming!

Ian Smith (G4JQT) joins us from Reading, Berkshire, England. Ian operates a homebrew rig and a rebuilt Heathkit DX-40. He also likes to renovate vintage radios.



President's Key

By Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

President, LARC

What a nice holiday gift the club received! 73 Amateur Radio began running our ad in the January 1990 issue. All of our work with Wayne Green and the letters you wrote and mailed have paid off! The management of 73 did the right thing and reversed their previous decision refusing our ad. Should they be congratulated for doing the right thing? **YOU BET!** Some folks in Newington, CT have great problems even knowing what the right thing is, let alone doing it. Don't they come off looking like a damn sorry lot now. Hasn't Uncle Wayne really and truly showed us how backward the ARRL is? He has proved his point for all time as far as I'm concerned. I went back and re-read Wayne's original article on gay hams published in 73 last April. I really admire him because he was willing to confront his own prejudices in the article. This shows he's not brain-dead like some of our fearless leaders at the ARRL. We all have built-in prejudices. I continue to struggle with my own internalized racism having been brought up in an environment where black people were regarded as inferior. As a gay man I am a member of a minority group myself, this has helped me to overcome the tendency to discriminate against members of other minority groups. I know a little how it feels to be hated and discriminated against. I didn't choose to be socialized in a racist environment, so I'm not guilty of premeditation. It's only when you become complacent and fail to be interested in self-improvement — when you let the dark side take over — that you are guilty of letting yourself down. Wayne Green has gone out on a limb for us. The revenue from our small ad probably won't cover the cost of the subscriptions he'll lose as a result of running our ad. It certainly won't make up for the aggravation his staff will get from having to deal with the homo-haters. What can we do to show our appreciation? We can write him and thank him. That's a good start. We can continue to build our club and stand proud as gay and lesbian amateur radio operators. That's even better. And we can follow his example and have the courage to confront our own shortcomings and thereby improve ourselves as members of the human race. Perhaps that would be the best way to say "Thank you, Uncle Wayne!" de KK3K

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New Members

Ed Bahr (N9BIG) lives in Wausau, Wisconsin. Ed enjoys 2 meters as well as photography, gardening, and food.

Carolyn Davidson (WA8MWA) is an Extra Class licensee in Canal Winchester, Ohio. She's also a private pilot, enjoys computers, and miniature Schnauzers! Her rigs include a Kenwood TH-215 for 2-meters and a Johnson Viking Adventurer for 80-10 meter CW.

William Bailey (N7MNT) joins us from Port Townsend, Washington. William's rigs include a Yeasu FT-767 and MFJ-1278. His other interests include motorcycles, old houses, boating, and sailing.

Gregory Arnette (KA1DVE) lives in Somerville, Massachusetts. He enjoys computers, art, music, cycling, and travel. He operates a Heathkit 104-A on a vertical multiband antenna. He says he's "glad I found you guys!" So are we!!!

Dave Minchella (KE2GE) and Jim Miller (N2IMS) live together in Rochester, NY and are friends of Irv (AF2K). They are radio collectors and also own two computers. Their rigs include an Icom IC-712A, Icom IC-3200A, Kenwood TW-4100A, Yeasu FT-311RM, and two Ten-Rec 580 Deltas.

Welcome aboard ... all of you! We hope to see you in Dayton!

*** CONNECTED

Notes From the Packet Coordinator — By Larry Kenney (WB9LOZ, San Francisco, CA)

I hope that you're finding my series of articles on packet to be informative and helpful. Please be aware that since the articles were originally written for California users, the examples given are good only for users of California systems. Forwarding designators, such as ALLCA and ALLCAN, would of course be different in other states, and the statement that "NTS traffic for California locations do not need the NTSCA" only applies out here. Check your local BBS for the designators used in your area.

Two of the LIST commands in Part 5 of the series had the "less than" or "greater than" symbols missing. Apparently Don's software doesn't have those characters available. The two are "list messages TO a callsign" and "list messages FROM a callsign." The arrow on the symbol should point TOWARD the callsign in each case.

The LARC roster lists the HOME BBS of members who use packet or AMTOR so that other club members will be able send mail to you. If the last roster did not have your HOME BBS listed, or if it was listed incorrectly, please send me a message (WB9LOZ @ W6PW.CA) giving me the callsign of the system where you want your mail delivered. This must be the callsign of a full service

BBS, not a personal mailbox. I'll see that the information is passed on to Don for the next roster.

Messages are moving very quickly between members. I've received messages in recent weeks from KK3K in Philadelphia, KC3XC and K3AKK in the DC area, WM2D in New York City, NG2P in Rochester, NY, and WB6LYI and K6VE both down in the Los Angeles area. All have arrived here within 24 hours after they were entered into their local BBS. As a matter of fact, a message from Rick, WM2D, arrived about four hours after he entered it! Messages are also coming through quite quickly from James (G4ILW) in the UK via AMTOR. Delivery on his messages has been averaging about 3 days.

Speaking of AMTOR, in the November newsletter, Jim (KK3K) had an article on sending traffic to the UK via the AMTOR/PACKET linked stations known as APLINK. For stations in the western states, you can send your messages via WA8DRZ, an APLINK station in Redwood City, CA, just south of San Francisco. For example, if you wanted to send a message to James, you would address it: SP G4ILW @ WA8DRZ and then enter as the SUBJECT: VIA AMTOR TO GB7PLX.

Net Newsbits

Australia. Robert is unlicensed at present, but he plans to join the "Wireless Institute" which is the governing body of hams in Australia very soon, and thereby study for and obtain his license. Robert sent several copies of Radio Australia English Service guides along with his application. Anyone wishing a copy can obtain one by writing the club POB and requesting same. Robert is very interested in corresponding with LARC members in the U.S., Canada, and the U.K. If you would like to write Robert and say hello his address is Robert D. Skinner, POB 4099, Kingston, A.C.T. 2604, Australia.

Welcome aboard Robert!

Member Correspondence

James (G4ILW) acts as net control for the UK/Europe sked on 40 meters. Since UK stations are allocated just 100 kc (7.000 to 7.099) for SSB, James writes that he is lucky to have a strong signal on 40 to hold down a frequency. Several UK LARC members are already planning to attend the big Newcastle Radio Rally (hamfest) in March. James (G4ILW) serves as an operator on the VHF talk-in frequency, and Stuart (G0BEV) is on the Rally committee. Word of LARC members possibly attending this rally is spreading via the LARC UK sked, so this may be an official LARC gathering in the making!

Bob (WB6YYZ) has bought a new home in Burbank, CA. Congratulations Bob, and good luck with the new QTH!

LARC Secretary Bob (KA8UHL) has been elected President of the Board of the Cleveland Lesbian-Gay Community Service Center. Bob is also being considered for an appointment as Commissioner in the city's Department of Community Development under newly elected pro-gay city administration. Congratulations, Bob!

From the new LARC telephone hotline: Potomac Chapter member Robb Mapou (WA3QDH) and his lover Mike were vacationing in San Francisco when the big quake of 1989 hit. Rob and Mike got a chance to see the city and had departed for

the Sonoma Valley but they did feel the quake when it hit. Robb also attended the Gaithersburg hamfest with Potomac Chapter members last September.

City of Brotherly Love Chapter member Mike Costa (N2HGZ) teaches high school in New Jersey and he has proposed a ham radio course which has been approved by the students and Principal at his school. The proposal is now awaiting funding which will hopefully take place at budget time in the spring. In the meantime, Mike is assembling training materials and he is in need of the QSO TUTOR programs for the IBM for the Advanced and Extra class. Mike has a program which will allow him to copy this software, so if you have these programs Mike would appreciate your help.

Ed (WA1VEC) has been busy putting the final touches on a new bedroom addition, swimming pool and landscaping project at the home QTH in Rehoboth, MA. He has also upgraded his computer system to an IBM PS-2 with VGA color, Epson FX-850 printer, and a new HP Laserjet IIP printer. Ed is hoping to be more active now on the LARC nets.

Stuart (G0BEV) now has a new home-brew antenna for 15 meters — an inverted delta loop. Stateside LARC stations have confirmed that Stuart's antenna has improved his signal appreciably. Congratulations on the engineering, Stuart!

Dan (K9TWE) has been listening for the Sunday LARC skeds but conditions have not been good into Milwaukee. Dan plans to keep trying to check in as his schedule allows.

More earthquake stories: GGC member Craig (N6UWK) had to send in a change of address because the earthquake completely destroyed his post office!

Don (AA6GA) writes via electronic mail that he met a gay ham from Italy, Claudio (IW0BRJ) during an on-line computer BBS session on EYE CONTACT, a gay San Francisco based BBS. Claudio was possibly going to be in San Francisco in December and Don was hoping to meet him then.

Introduction To Packet Radio - Part 8

By Larry Kenney (WB9LOZ, San Francisco, CA)

The National Traffic System, known as NTS, is the ARRL sponsored Amateur Radio message handling network. Packet radio is now playing a very important part in the network, so we're going to look at the system and give you some tips on handling NTS traffic by packet.

Handling third party traffic is the oldest tradition in amateur radio. This is most valuable during disasters. Nationwide, the National Traffic System has hundreds of local and section nets meeting daily in order to facilitate the delivery and origination of such messages. More and more of this traffic is being originated, relayed, and delivered on packet. If you enjoy traffic handling, you can easily get involved in NTS via packet. If you're on packet but know nothing about NTS, this part of the series can get you off to a good start. At the end of this part, you'll find some references for further information.

Local packet BBSs have to be checked daily for traffic that needs to be delivered or relayed. When you check into your local BBS, enter the LT command, meaning "List Traffic". The BBS will sort and display a list of all NTS traffic awaiting delivery. It'll look similar to this example:

| MSG# | STAT | SIZE | TO | FROM | @BBS | DATE/TIME | SUBJECT |
|------|------|------|-------|--------|-------|-----------|----------------------------|
| 7893 | T | 486 | 60625 | KB6ZYZ | NTSIL | 1227/0712 | QTC1 CHICAGO, IL 312-267 |
| 7802 | T | 320 | 06234 | K6TP | NTSCT | 1227/0655 | QTC1 NEW HAVEN, CT |
| 7854 | T | 588 | 93432 | KA4YEA | | 1227/0625 | QTC1 CRESTON, CA 93432 |
| 7839 | T | 412 | 94114 | KK3K | | 1227/0311 | QTC1 SAN FRANCISCO 415-821 |
| 7781 | T | 298 | 94015 | W1KPL | | 1226/2356 | QTC1 DALY CITY, CA 415-992 |

You might see traffic that is being relayed by your local BBS to some other part of the country as well as traffic for your local area. The "Subject" or "Title" column of the listing will show the destination of the traffic. If you see a message that is within your local area, help out and deliver it.

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Receiving A Message

To take a message off of the Bulletin Board for telephone delivery, or for relay to a local NTS net, enter R followed by the message number. Using the list above, R 7839 would send you the message from KK3K for San Francisco. You'll find the message in a special NTS RADIOGRAM format, with a preamble, address, telephone number, text and signature, ready for delivery. After the message has been saved to your printer or disk, the message should be erased from the BBS. You use the KT command, which means "Kill Traffic", followed by the message number. In this case you would enter KT 7839 to erase the message you took from the BBS. This prevents the message from being delivered again by someone else.

Delivering or Relaying a Message

Once you have received the NTS Radio-gram, it should, of course, be handled expeditiously. If it's for your immediate area, you should deliver the message by telephone. If you took the message for delivery to the local traffic net, you should make an effort to see that it gets relayed as quickly as possible.

Sending Messages

Any amateur can originate a message on behalf of another individual, whether the person is a licensed amateur or not. It is the responsibility of the originating amateur, however, to see that the message is in proper form before it's transmitted. A special format is used for NTS traffic, so that the messages are compatible across the entire network. Each message originated and handled should contain the following components in the order given: number, precedence, handling instructions (optional), the station of origin, check, place of origin, time filed, date, address, telephone number, text and signature. You should check the ARRL publications or your local BBS for details on message preparation.

When the message is ready to be entered into your local BBS, you must use the ST command, which means "Send Traffic", followed by the zip code of the destination city, and "NTS" followed by the two letter state abbreviation. The form used is ST Zipcode @ NTSxx. A message being sent to Boston, MA 02109 would be entered as follows: ST 02109 @ NTSMA and a message for Iowa City, IA 52245 would be entered as ST 52245 @ NTSIA. The message SUBJECT or TITLE should contain "QTC 1" followed by the destination city and state and the telephone area code and exchange, if available. See the examples in the listing above. Only one NTS message should be included in each packet message. The actual radiogram should be included entirely within the TEXT of the packet message, including all of the components listed above. End the message with the usual Control-Z.

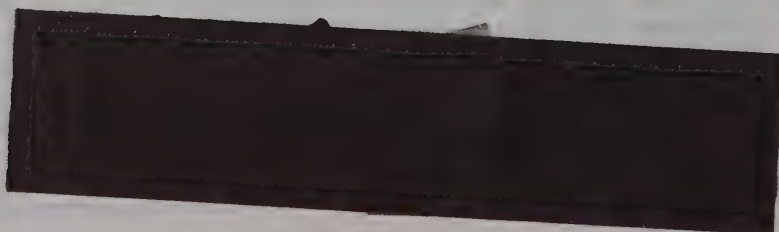
In Time of Emergency

The National Traffic System functions on a daily basis as a positive public service for both your fellow hams and the general public. It serves another function as well. The NTS provides a well oiled and trained national system of experienced traffic handlers able to handle large volumes of third party traffic accurately and efficiently during disasters. At least that is the goal. The ARRL booklet "An Introduction to Operating an Amateur Radio Station" offers detailed information on handling and preparing NTS Radiograms and the files section of your BBS should have instructional files on NTS. You should find files such as "Delivery.NTS," "Howto.NTS," "WhatIs.NTS," as well as several other helpful files. Check them out if you want to get involved. Your help will be welcome!

Thanks to the April 1987 "ARRL Field Forum" and Don Simon (NI6A) for help in preparing this article.

Next, we take a look at some of the special commands available to you in your TNC and take a close look at the BBS message format.

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HF Conditions Excellent as Cycle Nears Peak

Conditions on HF have improved tremendously during the last two months, allowing LARC members to enjoy successful roundtables on all bands. Conditions on 20 meters are remarkable with stations occasionally able to copy each other as close together as 100 miles and as far apart as coast-to-coast during the same roundtable! Ten and fifteen meters have also been open consistently and LARC roundtables have ensued on all bands each Sunday. Transatlantic contacts have continued each Sunday with conditions steadily improving and new stations coming up for the skeds. On Sunday, November 13th, a total of 16 LARC stations checked into the Sunday afternoon 20/15/10 skeds and the ensuing roundtable lasted for almost two hours! Charles (K9PVS/5) checked-in mobile from the Dallas, TX area. Irv (AF2K) checked-in twice, once from the home QTH and once mobile. We had a guest check-in maritime mobile from Fort Lauderdale, FL by Bob (KA6GVP), a friend of Mike (WA6MXR). During the transatlantic CW sked Dale (WAØCFQ) and Bob (WAØS) both worked James (G4ILW) for the first time! LARC stations heard on the air recently included: WB4KLJ, GMØKWL, G4ILW, GØBEV, WM2D, G4JED, G4JQT, KI4ZN, WB5MEI, WB6YYZ, N2HGZ, K3ATI, KCØK, WAØS, WAØCFQ, W9BVD, K4UW, KC3XC, KK3K, WA6MXR, WB6LYI, AF2K, N2JFD, N2CJM, W6DBZ, WA4ITY, AA6LJ, N5MVI, and K9PVS/5.

Westlink Report Covers LARC

According to Larry (WB9LOZ), LARC received coverage on page 3 of the Westlink Report with he received in mid-November. This is the third major amateur radio publication to cover LARC activities during 1989. Recent coverage of LARC in the W5YI Report and the Westlink Report appeared as a result of the latest press release and information packet mailed to an extensive worldwide list of amateur radio publications by LARC VP, Don (WB6LYI). Great work, Don!

Dial 215-978-LARC for Information

Effective December 1st, LARC has begun a LARC "hotline" for use by anyone seeking information about the club. The LARC national telephone number is (215) 978-LARC. Members can also leave messages for LARC Officers and short items for the Lambda Net News on the LARC answering

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LARC Membership Renewals Due With This Issue

LARC membership renewal forms are included with this issue of the Lambda Net News. This year, there are survey questions printed on the back of the renewal form, so please be sure to complete the survey before returning your renewal. Membership in LARC runs from January through December each year. If you joined LARC since July 1989, you are considered paid for 1990. However, you must return your renewal form so we can keep membership information up to date and tabulate the results of the survey. Remember, the survey questionnaire is on the back side of the renewal form — what could be more convenient? Dues are \$10 per year or \$5 if you have already paid dues to a local LARC chapter. Since dues provide most of our operating funds, we hope that all members will send in their check along with the renewal form and survey completed (you can't miss it — it's on the back). We must receive your renewal form whether you pay dues or not, since we use the information on the renewal form to verify membership information. Please note that your renewals should be returned directly to LARC Treasurer Tom Hendrix (KI4ZN), 394 Bahama Road, Winter Springs, FL 32708. Please use the pre-addressed envelope provided for your convenience.

LARC to be Listed in First National Gay Directory

LARC President Jim Kelly (KK3K) completed and returned a comprehensive four page questionnaire which provides detailed information about LARC to be used in the soon-to-be-published National Directory of Gay and Lesbian Organizations. The directory will be published by The Fund For Human Dignity, Inc., a national gay and lesbian rights organization which has been "educating the public about the lives of lesbians and gay men since 1974." The Directory is being published in cooperation with the U.S. Conference of Mayors and it will be a companion volume to the Local AIDS Resources: The National Directory. Both publications are the first and most comprehensive of their type. The questionnaire provides information for the Fund's database to be used in conjunction with their national hotline (800-SOS-GAYS) and their "Positive Images Campaign," a national media-education project. The Directory will be distributed through The Fund's National Gay

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President's Key

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Well, I finally took the big plunge and upgraded my computer system from the old Commodore 64, which I have been running for the last five years, to a brand new IBM-XT compatible computer made my Hyundai. I'd been threatening to do this for about a year and a half, especially since several LARCers had purchased IBM compatible systems which they have been enjoying. I held off partly because of the expense of the new system and also because I knew I'd have to learn a whole new way of relating to these silly, but indispensable, gadgets! I went over the edge when I visited the shack of a fellow LARC member in Philly and observed his set-up. I was impressed! I also had a lot of help and encouragement from many LARC members. I had received lots of advice on which equipment to buy and by the time I entered the computer store I was confident I would make the decisions as I put my system together. As it turned out, I did pretty well. This neophyte ended up with a Hyundai XT with 640K on the motherboard, a Seagate 30MB hard drive, Paradise basic VGA graphics card, Packard Bell VGA monitor, 2400 baud Packard Bell internal modem, and an Epson LX-810 printer. I've also upgraded to a Kantronics All-Mode (KAM) controller for packet, AMTOR, etc., since my old Packrat will only run on the C-64. Is it easy and fun to unpack all this good stuff, set it up, and start right in? You bet! Hyundai even gave me a video tape which explained everything from how to open the cartons through complete set-up. They also gave me some free software. Here I am only 12 hours after buying the unit, typing out this article on my new computer! A bit early for Christmas, but who cares!

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Gordon (WB5OYL) has a new packet TNC and he is trying to find the time to

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LARC Mailbag

Received at the LARC post office box: a press release from Windy City Performing Arts Inc., parent organization to the Windy City Gay Chorus, with information on upcoming concerts in Chicago.

Also received was a cordial letter from Tony Musero (K3UKW) who read about LARC in the W5YI Report. Tony wrote to offer his services to LARC. Tony specializes in used ham equipment and he usually has a good selection of gear to

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LARC Members Get Awards

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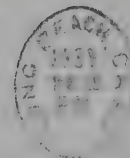
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Computer with 1541 disk drive, C-64 Training Kit, Star Micronics SG-10C printer, AEA CP-100 Computer Patch (retailed for \$299 alone) with cables to C-64, AEA-Soft "MBA-TOR" software cartridge for CP-100, Kantronics "Pac-Term" software cartridge and disk, CaGen "Contest Log" software on disk, 300 baud modem with software, Zenith Data Systems monochrome monitor for C-64, Simon's BASIC software cartridge, Muse "Smart Start" software on disk, "Net Worth" personal finance software

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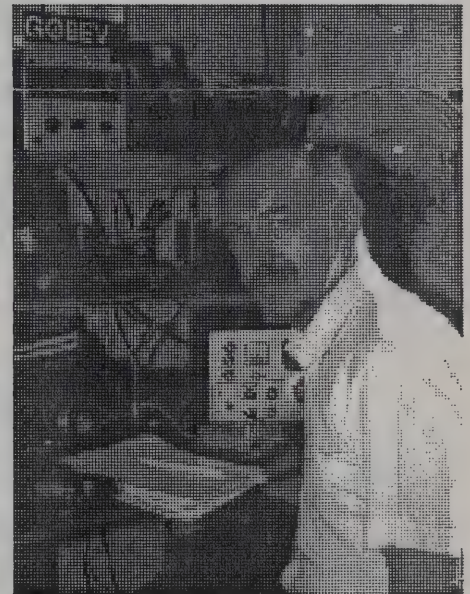
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W5YI Report Carries Information About LARC

The W5YI Report, a ham radio newsletter published by Fred Maia (W5YI) and published bi-monthly, carried much of the information contained in our latest press release in the October 15th issue. According to LARC Secretary Bob Laycock (KA8UHL), a subscriber to the W5YI Report, the notice on LARC was included in the section of the newsletter titled "Communications Digest." Bob feels that the information was presented in a neutral fashion and the important facts included in our press release were also included in the information presented in the W5YI Report. LARC officers met with Fred (W5YI) in Dayton and he indicated then that he was interested in covering LARC. Apparently our efforts have paid off!

Record Activity on All LARC Nets

Thanks to the exceptional conditions accompanying Cycle 22, recent LARC HF skeds have attracted a record number of check-ins and LARC members are enjoying some of the best propagation experienced since the peak days of the last cycle in the early 1980's. On Sunday, October 1st, a LARC long distance record was established as LARC members were on frequency for the 1400 UTC trans-Atlantic sked in



Stuart — G0BEV

Stuart (G0BEV) at the "controls" of his shack. Stuart started up the UK/Europe schedule with James (G4ILW). Photo by Stuart (G0BEV).

NS2V Hospitalized

LARC members are encouraged to send get-well greetings to Bob (NS2V) who is still hospitalized. Bob is being treated for AIDS related symptoms and he is hoping that the new, experimental drug that he is now taking will improve his condition so he can return home. Bob has been hospitalized since late July, so he is really anxious to return home to Philip and the pets. In the meantime, Bob would enjoy hearing from you. Drop a note or get well wish to:

Bob Siddons (NS2V)
Cabrini Medical Center
Room 1437
227 E. 19th Street
New York, NY 10003

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President's Key

By Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

President, Lambda Amateur Radio Club

For those not familiar with Robert Maplethorpe and his work, he was a photographer who lived and worked in New York. He was gay. He died this year of AIDS. His work ranged from beautiful photographic studies of flowers to explicit photographs of homoerotic, sadistic and masochistic gay sex (some of my favorite things!). The Institute for Contemporary Art, based in my hometown of Philadelphia, organized a retrospective exhibit of Maplethorpe's work. I viewed and enjoyed the exhibit here in Philadelphia, where it opened. However, when the exhibit moved to Washington, DC some of the real dimwits in our government, lead by bigot Senator Jesse Helms, raised a protest since the Institute for Contemporary Art had received government funding for the exhibit. Helms and others, using their typical homophobic rhetoric and tactics actually managed to get money cut from the amount slated to go to the Institute as a punishment for their mounting an exhibit of what they termed "sick, perverted photographs." No matter that a panel of distinguished artists had deemed Maplethorpe's work worthy of the exhibit. No matter that this funding cut represents blatant government censorship of the arts. No matter that artists worldwide reacted with shock and anger after the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, DC bowed to political pressure and refused to show the exhibit after having agreed to do so. Helms and his cronies protested "our constituents do not want their tax dollars used to fund this filth." Since when do any constituents have a dime's worth of control over how their tax dollars are spent? I do not want my tax dollars used to pay Jesse Helms' salary, or to build Star Wars defense systems, or nuclear warheads (about the most obscene thing I can conceive of!). Until such time as dear old Uncle Sam stops using my tax bucks for filthy bombs, I say let's keep the artistic "filth" coming and they can use my tax dollars to pay for it! de KK3K

UPDATE:

Sending Traffic to the UK Via Packet

By Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

In the past two issues, James (G4ILW) has written "how to" articles explaining methods of sending return traffic to UK LARC members using AMTOR/PACKET linked (APLINK) bulletin board stations. In the September issue of the NEWS, James' article made reference to three amlink bulletin boards which he hoped would be useful: KS5V (Texas), KB1PJ/8 (Cleveland, Ohio), and WA8DRZ/6 (San Francisco, CA). Last month James told us that it would be necessary to check with the Sysops about forwarding before leaving traffic since forwarding is not automatic. I have since been in contact with two of the three Sysops which James referred us to, and I have found out the following information.

Ed (KS5V) has told me that he is unable to forward traffic to the UK due to time constraints. However, David (KB1PJ/8) has been very helpful and now informs me that he is able to forward traffic to the UK as long as we inform him of the destination bulletin board callsign for each LARC member in the UK that we wish to send traffic to. Also, we can use regular packet paths to send traffic to KB1PJ. AMTOR is not necessary. We are testing this now and here's how I think it works. Once you tell David the destination PBBS for a particular callsign, e.g. GB7PLX for G4ILW, David then programmes this information into his system and then you can address your packet messages to James as follows: G4ILW @ KB1PJ. When David (KB1PJ) gets the message, it is forwarded to James at his packet PBBS, GB7PLX, via AMTOR from KB1PJ to G3PLX. So far, James is the only UK station set up like this at KB1PJ. It is perfectly OK to send packet messages to individual stations in the UK and this is being done routinely now. I have not been in contact with WA8DRZ/6 on the west coast or any other amlink BBS stations, so I cannot comment on packet paths to the UK from west of the Rockies. If any of our west coast members have information on this, please let us know. Meanwhile, boot up and send a packet greeting to our members in the UK via regular packet forwarding: [call] @ KB1PJ. Just be sure to send a message to David (KB1PJ) and tell him the destination PBBS for the UK member you are sending the traffic to.

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Public Relations Update

By Don Bledsoe, LARC VP (WB6LYI, Long Beach, CA)

All has been too quiet on the "press front" for far too long! I have just mailed a press packet of information about LARC to every amateur radio publication I could find around the world. The packet includes a current press release about our rapid growth during the past year, particularly in England, the historical background of LARC, and the flyer handed out at Dayton. The total represented circulation among these publications is over 525,000! The list includes 11 publications in the U.S. plus Czechoslovakia, Australia, England, Brazil, New Zealand, West Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Sweden, India, Denmark, Switzerland, France, Canada, Poland, Zimbabwe, South Africa, and Yugoslavia. A total of 36 publications were sent information packets, so it will be interesting to see how many print a notice about us.



James — G4ILW

AMTOR/Packet aficionado in the UK working with Stuart (G0BEV) to make message passing routes between the US and Europe a reality. Photo by Stuart (G0BEV).

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England and as far west as California — a distance of over 6,000 miles! Ten meters was open, as it was on Sunday, October 8th, when nine stations participated in the LARC trans-Atlantic sked. UK stations active included G4ILW, G0BEV, GM0KWL, and G4JED. US stations active during October included WA0CFQ, KA8TZX, WB5MEI, W9BVD (also mobile 9 on vacation in Illinois), K4UW, WM2D, NU4B, KI4ZN, WA6MXR, WB6YYZ, WB6LYI, KC0K, KK3K, K3JOZ, N2HGZ, WA3ZFE, AF2K, K3ATI, N2CJM, KC3XC, W4LDG, and WB8ROE.

LARC Submits ARRL Ad — Again

The LARC Executive Committee submitted the following ad for publication in QST:

"Lambda Amateur Radio Club for gay and lesbian amateurs. Skeds and monthly newsletter. For info write Jim, KK3K, President LARC, POB 24810, Phila. PA 19130."

The request was submitted to the ARRL in mid-September. Club Treasurer Tom (KI4ZN) issued a check from the club treasury in the amount of \$45 in payment for publication of the ad for a six month period. While the ARRL may not yet be ready to change their attitude toward LARC and run the ad, club officers were advised by certain ARRL Officials to re-submit the ad periodically just in case. We will also be re-submitting our ad to 73 Amateur Radio in the very near future.

Philadelphia Area LARC Members Meet

LARC members in the Philadelphia area met for the first time on Sunday, October 8th, at the home QTH of Jim (KK3K). The meeting was a social get-together over brunch. Philadelphia area LARC members in attendance were Rick (K3JOZ) and Tom, Jim (K3ATI), Mike (N2HGZ), Jim (KK3K) and Dan, and Rob (KA2EGO). After brunch and socializing, members gathered in Jim's shack while he worked James (G4ILW) on the trans-Atlantic CW sked. Another meeting is tentatively scheduled for November at the QTH of Rick (K2JOZ).

Golden Gate Chapter News

Larry (WB9LOZ) and Bill (K9AT) report that they sustained no household damage in the October 17th earthquake. Larry was at work for the ABC-TV affiliate when the earthquake struck. Since ABC had no alternate programming when the world series game was cancelled, ABC picked up Larry's station and he provided TV audio and video for the national earthquake coverage! There was damage at the QTH of Tom (N6SPG) caused by a rolling refrigerator! The chapter has reviewed a draft copy of its proposed by-laws and constitution in preparation for a final vote on affiliation with the ARRL. The chapter was set to meet for dinner and Castro Street Halloween costume preview on October 28th. The chapter has been

provided with space on the Gay Events Tape, a dial-up service of recorded information from gay organizations and upcoming gay events. The chapter had planned to hold a Novice license course class, but it was cancelled due to lack of interest in spite of the fact that it was well-publicized.

ARRL Elections Set for Mid-Atlantic Division

Director & Vice-Director

Hams in the Mid-Atlantic Division of the ARRL recently received ballots for the election of Director and Vice-Director. The ballots were accompanied by biographical information on the candidates. Completed ballots are due in by November 20th. LARC President Jim (KK3K) sent letters to the candidates asking for their views on the LARC/ARRL advertising controversy. LARC members are encouraged to contact candidates for ARRL offices in their divisions to ascertain their views on the LARC/ARRL advertising situation and to advise LARC officers when elections are scheduled in your division.

Member Correspondence

Potomac Chapter members attended the Gaithersburg, MD hamfest on Sunday, September 10th. Members who attended included Howard (W9BVD), Mark (KC3XC), Duane (K4UW), Dick (K3AKK) and Joe, Ed (WA3ZFE), and Gary (WA1EIG) who purchased a new HT at the hamfest. The weather was extremely hot and several members gathered after the hamfest in an air conditioned restaurant for sandwiches and refreshments.

Recently received at the LARC post office box ... a request for information from a young man in Australia who saw our ad in an issue of The Advocate dating back to 1986!

Howard (W9BVD) took his ICOM IC-730 HF rig on vacation to his folks home in Illinois and checked into several of the LARC skeds on various bands while away.

Philip (WD4IJV) was recently asked by the steering committee of his local radio club, the Western Carolina Amateur Radio Society, to serve as President for the next year. Philip, who is 27, would have been the youngest President in the club's 50 year history. However, he had to decline because of his work schedule. He is a volunteer examiner and an instructor for the club's Novice, Technician, and General Class license classes. Philip works as the kitchen manager for an Italian restaurant and he enjoys the LARC newsletter, especially the "mini-profiles" of new members and the updates on member activities in this column. He has recently moved so he is not currently on the air on HF. We hope he gets back on the air soon!

Itinerant traveler Dave (WD8IKB) reports that the scenery is distracting in Acapulco and San Juan, where he has been vacationing!

LARC Lending Library

WD8IKB

On the Road!

Dave (WD8IKB) dropped us this card with a notation that the scenery in Acapulco, Mexico is just **FAAABULOUS!**

When you need assistance to get your ticket or upgrade use the materials in the LARC library. If you've just upgraded, the library can sure use the donation of your old study materials. All you have to do is contact the club post box and ask for a list of what is available. And the best part — it's all **FREE!**



Introduction To Packet Radio - Part 5

By Larry Kenney, WB9LOZ

In this part of the series, I'll explain how to use the various BBS commands that you have available to you. This information is based on WORLI software, so it might vary slightly for users of AA4RE, WA7MBL, or other type systems. Use the H - HELP command on your BBS if some of these commands do not work as described.

LIST COMMAND: The first thing you should do when logging on to a BBS is to use the LIST command. There are many variations available, but L, by itself, is the one used most often.

L (List) - Lists all new messages, except other user's personal messages, that have been entered since you last logged in.

If you want to list specific messages, you can use one of the following variations of the L command:

Lx - Lists all messages of the type designated by 'x'. Example: LB will list all bulletins.

L # - Lists messages back to and including number #. Example: L 4050 will list all messages, except personal messages to others, from the latest one back to #4050.

LL # - Lists the last # messages. Example: LL 15 lists the last 15 messages received at the BBS, excluding other's personal messages. **L 1** - Lists ALL non-personal messages.

L callsign - Lists all messages TO callsign indicated. Example: L N6XYZ

L callsign - Lists all messages FROM callsign indicated. Example: L N6XYZ

L@ designator - Lists all messages that have that "designator" in the @ BBS column of the message header. Example: L@ ALLCAN will list all messages with ALLCAN in the @ BBS column.

READ COMMAND: To read a message, you enter R followed by a space then the message number. Example: To read message 5723, you'd enter: R 5723. You also have the option of using the RH command, which will give you all of the forwarding headers in detail, rather than just giving you the path. Example: To read message 5723 with the full headers, you'd enter RH 5723.

There is one other version of the READ command, and that's RM. Entering RM by itself will give you all of the messages addressed to you that have not yet been read.

ERASING MESSAGES: Once you have read a personal message, please erase it. The sysop will appreciate your help in clearing up "dead" messages. You use the K - KILL command to do this. You can enter K #, such as K 5723, which will erase that particular message, or you can enter KM, which will erase all of the personal messages you have read. If you use the KM command, the BBS will list the message numbers for you as they're killed.

THE DUAL PURPOSE "S" COMMAND: S (Status) and (Send) - The letter S by itself will give you a reading of the BBS status, showing the callsigns of stations using the system, the time they connected, the port used, etc. It also shows information on the message and user files.

The "S" command is also used for sending a message, but it must be further defined. There are three types of messages found on a packet bulletin board system: Personal, Bulletin, and Traffic. "SP" is used for sending a personal message to one other station, "SB" for sending a bulletin, and "ST" for sending a message that's going to be handled by the National Traffic System.

You're able to send a message to one particular person, to everyone on the local BBS, to everyone at every BBS and

mailbox in Northern California, in Southern California, in the entire state, or all across the entire country. It all depends on your addressing.

At the BBS prompt you enter the appropriate command (SP, SB, or ST) followed by a space and then the addressee. The addressee can be a callsign or it can be something of a general nature, such as ALL, QST, ARES. Examples: SP WB9LOZ SB ALL

If you wish to send the message to someone at another BBS, you have to indicate the call of the other BBS following the call of the addressee. For example, to send a message to N5PQ, who uses the W5XYZ BBS, you would enter: SP N5PQ @ W5XYZ.

To send a general message to more than just the local BBS, you need to use a designator in place of the BBS call. The designator indicates the area where you want the message distributed. ALLCAN indicates that you want the message sent to all Northern California BBSs, which includes all of them from Santa Cruz, Hollister, Gilroy, and Fresno northward. ALLCAS will send the message to all BBSs in the southern part of the state. A message that's sent @ ALLCA will go to EVERY BBS in the state, and a message sent @ ALLUS will be sent to EVERY BBS IN THE USA. Extreme care should be used when using the ALLUS designator. Please make sure that the subject matter is of interest to EVERY packet user and please keep the message SHORT. The National HF Packet Network is somewhat fragile, due to band conditions, so unnecessary traffic can keep more important traffic from getting through. Here are a few examples of addressing bulletin-type messages for general distribution: SB ALL @ ALLCAN SB ALL @ ALLCA SB QST @ ALLCAS SB ALL @ ALLUS

If you have traffic for the National Traffic System, you must use a special format. NTS messages are entered as ST ZIPCODE @ NTSXX, where XX is the two-letter state abbreviation. Examples:

ST 03452 @ NTSNH ST 60626 @ NTSIL

NTS traffic for California locations do not need the NTSCA. Simply enter ST 90028 or ST 94101, for example. (You'll find more details on NTS traffic handling in a later part of this series.)

When you have the address line complete, you enter a carriage return. You'll then receive a prompt asking for the SUBJECT or TITLE of the message. Enter a brief description of what the message will be about, followed by a carriage return. Next, you'll be prompted to enter the TEXT of the message. When entering the text, you should insert carriage returns at the end of each line, as if you were typing a letter. A normal line has a maximum of 80 characters, so when you have 70 to 75 characters typed, enter a carriage return and continue on the next line. This will prevent words from wrapping around to the next line and the program inserting an unnecessary blank line in the text.

When you have your message complete, you end it with a CONTROL Z. (You send a CONTROL Z by holding down both the CONTROL key and the Z key simultaneously.) You should follow the CONTROL Z with a carriage return. When you receive the BBS prompt back, you'll know that the message has been accepted by the system.

FILE DIRECTORY COMMANDS

W (What) - Entering W, by itself, gives you a list of the directories available on the BBS.

Wd - Gives a list of the files in the directory indicated by d. The list you obtain with the W command will indicate what letter to use for "d" to list the files of specific topics.

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D (Download) - Used for reading files from a directory. Must be used with a directory ID and filename using the following form: Dx filename. x is the directory ID and the filename must be entered exactly as listed in the directory. Again, the directory ID is obtained from the list you receive with the W command. Example: DG FCCEXAMS.88

U (Upload) - Used for uploading (sending) a file to the BBS. The command must be used with a directory ID, followed by the filename you're assigning to the file, using the form: Ud filename. The d indicates the ID of the directory where you want to enter the file. Filenames can have up to 8 characters preceding the dot and 3 characters following the dot. Example: UM FLEAMKT.INF would upload a file named FLEAMKT.INF into the directory with the M ID. The BBS program will not allow you to upload a file with a filename that

already exists, and some directories are set by your local sysop for downloading only.

GENERAL MISCELLANEOUS COMMANDS

I (Info) - Gives you details on the hardware, software and RF facilities of the BBS you're using.

J - Displays a listing of stations that were heard by the BBS or that connected to the BBS. Must be used with a port identifier, such as JA, JB, etc. J by itself will list the port IDs for you.

M (Monitor) - Used for monitoring the activity on another port of the BBS. Must be used with a port identifier, such as MA, MB, etc. M by itself will list the port IDs.

B (Bye) - When you're finished using the BBS, you enter a B to disconnect.

In part 6 of this series, the topic of discussion will be NET/ROM.

Introduction To Packet Radio - Part 6

By Larry Kenney (WB9LOZ, San Francisco, CA)

In this part of the series we're going to take a look at how to use NET/ROM and THENET for making contacts. It's a way of making your operating time on packet more enjoyable due to the increased reliability of the network and the greatly expanded area that you can reach.

When a digipeater adds NET/ROM or THENET it becomes a digipeater/node. This means that you can still use it as a regular digipeater, but you can also use it to access a far reaching network of nodes. When using a string of digipeaters, your packets have to reach their destination parity correct, and the receiving TNC has to return an acknowledgement (ack) to your TNC for each packet cycle to be completed. As you add more digipeaters to the string, the chances of this happening become less and less. Other stations on the frequency and noise can be the cause of many retries. When using a node, your packets no longer have to reach their destination before acknowledgements are returned to your TNC. Now, each node acknowledges your packet as its sent along the way toward its destination.

Here's how you use the nodes network: No matter what station you want to work, you connect to the closest node. When you connect, your TNC automatically switches to converse mode, so anything you now type is sent to the node as a packet, and the node acknowledges each packet back to your TNC. For the remainder of your connection your TNC works only with this node.

Once you're connected to the node, enter "NODES" and you'll receive a list of the other nodes available to you. It's sometimes difficult to determine the location of the nodes from this list, since the IDs and callsigns you receive aren't always very descriptive. You might find the node maps and listings that are available on most packet bulletin boards to be useful tools. With these maps and listings, you can easily determine where the nodes are located. Make sure you have a recent copy, as new nodes are being added quite frequently.

Let's say you want to have a QSO with N6XYZ. You first must determine what node is closest to that station. Let's say it's W6AMT-3. Once you know the call of that node, you connect to it WHILE STILL CONNECTED TO YOUR LOCAL NODE. You use standard protocol, C W6AMT-3. Your TNC will send this as a packet to your local node, and your local node will ack it. Your TNC is happy because the cycle is completed as far as it's concerned. The network will then go to

work for you and find the best path between your local node and the one you're trying to reach. You'll then see one of two responses: "Connected to W6AMT-3" OR "Failure with W6AMT-3". If it can't connect for some reason, try again later. It could be that W6AMT-3 is temporarily off the air or the path has decayed and is no longer available. We're going to be positive here and say we received the first option.

Now that you're connected to W6AMT-3, enter "C N6XYZ". Again, your TNC will send this as a packet to your local node and the node will acknowledge it and send it down the path to W6AMT-3. W6AMT-3 will then attempt to connect to N6XYZ. Here again you'll get one of the two responses: "Connected to N6XYZ" OR "Failure with N6XYZ". If you get connected, you hold your QSO just as you normally would, but there's one BIG difference — your TNC is receiving acknowledgements from your local node, and N6XYZ is receiving acknowledgements from W6AMT-3. That long path is eliminated for both TNCs, retries are greatly reduced, and your packets get through much faster. When you're finished with the QSO, you disconnect in the normal manner — go to Command Mode using Control C and enter "D"

. The entire path will then disconnect automatically for you.

If you've been monitoring lately, you might have seen the nodes in action and wondered why they were sending all of those weird symbols like @fx/. What you're seeing is the nodes communicating with each other, updating their node lists. You also might have noted callsigns with high numbered SSIDs, such as WB9LOZ-15, WA6DDM-14, W6PW-12, etc. The nodes change the SSID of all stations so that the packets sent via the network are not the same as those sent directly. If you were to use a node to connect to another station in the local area, there's the possibility of your packets being received at this station both from you directly and from the node. If the call through the node wasn't changed, the TNCs involved would be totally confused as it would appear that two stations were connecting using the same callsign. The node automatically changes the SSID using the formula 15-N, where N is your usual SSID. A call with -0 becomes -15, a -1 becomes -14, -2 becomes -13, etc.

In part 7 of this series, I'll discuss some of the other commands available to you on the nodes, including how to call CQ.

Foreign Publications

LARC VP Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI) is searching for names and addresses of foreign ham radio and gay publications. They are for the public relations database that the club maintains and uses when press releases are sent out. If you know of a foreign ham or gay publication, drop a note to Don Bledsoe at P.O. Box 91299, Long Beach, CA 90809.

LARC Brochures Available Soon

If you have an activity coming up where you would like to give out copies of the new LARC brochure, reserve your copies now! Please contact LARC President Jim Kelly at the club post box and let him know how many copies you will need. As soon as the brochure is available, all members will receive one along with a regular issue of the newsletter.

Translations

If you are proficient in a foreign language and would like to help the club's promotion efforts, contact LARC VP Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI). Don would like to have some of our press releases sent to foreign publications in the native language of the country in order to greatly increase the probability of having our notices published. This is especially needed for countries in Europe. If you can help, drop a note to Don Bledsoe at P.O. Box 91299, Long Beach, CA 90809.

How the Newsletter Comes Together

By Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI, Long Beach, CA), LARC Vice President

Recently I mentioned that there have been a number of changes in the way your newsletter is produced. I thought I would share with you just how the newsletter gets put together.

Of course, the first thing is news! That's where you come in. You do things, go places, see other LARC members, chat on the air, trade stories, or just plain make up the truth. You let us know about it by passing the information along to either Jim Kelly (KK3K) or me, Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI).

Jim usually gets information at the club post box in Philadelphia, reviews and re-writes where needed, and sends compiled stories several times each month to Don in California. I also receive material from members directly at my post box (P.O. Box 91299, Long Beach, CA 90809) or via CompuServe Information Services (ID 75166,2506).

For all of you who want to know the nitty-gritty, I will list the specifics for you in this paragraph. Next, I enter all of the stories into the computer (a Zenith 386 25-MHz system, 150MB disk, VGA screen) using WordPerfect 5.0, being extra careful to use the spell-checker to make sure the words are all spelled correctly. Photos are put into the computer on a Microtek MSF-300G 300 dot-per-inch scanner with Astral Picture Publisher software under Microsoft Windows/386. I must admit that I am still getting the hang of this software. Until I've really got it down, the pictures may be less than perfect in the newsletter, but I'll keep after it! Printing is on a NEC LC-890 PostScript laser printer. Once all of the pieces are ready, it's time to assemble the newsletter. I use Ventura Publisher 2.0 to load the articles and photos and place them on the pages. It sounds easy and it is ... except for the

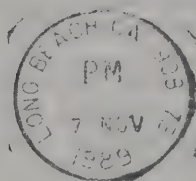
constant re-working of pages in order to make everything fit properly. Sometimes I have to come with a little "filler" material in order to make it all work out in the end.

When it's all done, I print out the final copy, take it to the local copy shop for duplicating. Once back home again, it's time to print labels from the LARC database, apply them, fold, staple, and stick on a stamp. Oh yes, then I take it all to the post office and it's on its way to you!

That's the essentials of getting an issue of the newsletter together and on its way to be shared by all LARC members. But the most important part is the very first step — you! Without you doing things and sharing them with other members, none of the rest of it can happen. So keep those cards and letters coming! You do it and we'll write about it!

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"Lambda Net" Schedules

EUROPEAN SCHEDULE

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|-----|--------|----------|----------|--|-----------|
| SSB | Sunday | 1300 UTC | All Year | | 7.050 MHz |
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TRANS-ATLANTIC SCHEDULE

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|-----|--------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| SSB | Sunday | 1400 UTC | All Year | NOVICES! | 28.425 MHz |
| SSB | Sunday | 1415 UTC | All Year | | 21.425 MHz |
| CW | Sunday | 1815 UTC | All Year | NOVICES! | 21.145 MHz |

NATIONAL SCHEDULES

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|-----|--------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| SSB | Sunday | 1900 UTC | All Year | | 14.325 MHz |
| SSB | Sunday | 1930 UTC | All Year | | 21.425 MHz |
| SSB | Sunday | 2000 UTC | All Year | NOVICES! | 28.425 MHz |

EASTERN SCHEDULES

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|------|----------|---|------------|----------|-----------|
| RTTY | Tuesday | 8:00 pm | Local Time | | 3.630 MHz |
| SSB | Thursday | 6:30 pm | Local Time | | 3.860 MHz |
| | | 6:40 pm | Local Time | | 7.235 MHz |
| | | (The sked will meet where conditions are best.) | | | |
| CW | Sunday | 11:00 am | Local Time | NOVICES! | 7.140 MHz |
| SSB | Sunday | 9:45 pm | Local Time | | 3.860 MHz |

WESTERN SCHEDULES

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|-----|--------|---------|------------|--|-----------|
| CW | Monday | 5:30 pm | Local Time | | 7.094 MHz |
| SSB | Sunday | 2:00 pm | Local Time | | 7.280 MHz |

(All schedules are + or - QRM)

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By Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

Advocate to Profile LARC

A feature article profiling LARC is set to be published in an upcoming issue of the national gay news magazine The Advocate. Advocate writer Peter Freiberg has contacted LARC officers and conducted conversations and interviews with LARC VP Don Bledsoe (WB6LYT), Secretary Bob Laycock (KA8UHL), and President Jim Kelly (KK3K). Freiberg's interest in LARC was apparently sparked by the publication of an article on LARC in the Cleveland gay press penned by Bob (KA8UHL). Bob and Don also sent Freiberg copies of documents relating to our efforts to advertise in QST and 73 Amateur Radio magazines. Freiberg told Jim (KK3K) that he conducted an interview with Wayne Green (W2NDS/1) and that Wayne told him that 73 magazine would probably run their [LARC's] ad." The article on LARC should appear in late September or October.

LARC Nets Heating Up

LARC members are gearing up for the peak of the current sunspot cycle with lots of activity on HF. On Sunday, September 11th, both the trans-Atlantic and domestic nets were active. On the trans-Atlantic SSB net G4ILW worked AF2K and W4LDG. On the regular stateside SSB nets, 11 stations to advantage of improved propagation and an enjoyable round table took place. Don (WB6LYT) acted as net control on 15 meters. Other stations heard included W4VIW, WB5MEI, WA0CFQ, KI4ZN, K2JOZ, W4LDG, WM2D, AF2K, KK3K, and WB4KLJ. The late 75 meter net had four check-ins: W9BVD, AF2K, KK3K, and guest VE3DOO, a former member. Time to dust off your rig and join in on the fun!

LARC Booth at Rochester Event

LARC members Irv (AF2K), Bob (NG2P), and Mark (KD2PR) staffed an information table at the annual Gay Community Picnic held in Rochester's largest city park on July 16th. The picnic drew between 1600 and 1800 people. Handouts were prepared and photos were displayed along with the LARC banner. Congratulations to our Rochester members for a job well done!

LARC Adds 8th Member in UK

A hearty welcome to Gordon Baggott (G4GUW), our eighth member in the UK. Gordon's address is 105 The Crescent, Walsall, WS1 2DA, England. Gordon is running a Trio 830S as well as various homebrew QRP equipment and he is eager to say hello to fellow LARC members on the air.

Member Correspondence

Mark Allyn (WA1SEY) attended the ARRL Regional Convention and Tacoma Hamfair held at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma on August 12 & 13. Mark distributed 100 copies of the special LARC Dayton newsletter and he even left a supply on the ARRL table!

AMTOR Update

James (G4ILW) received the following comments from AMTOR/Packet sysop G3PLX regarding the information contained in last month's article:

"That list of callsigns from VK6YM looked like a bit from the amlink mailbox list. All amlink mailboxes can forward to me, directly or indirectly, but they all do so manually, so it relies on the sysop doing the work. They can't handle [callsign] and [country code], and if they never heard of GB7PLX they will just forward the message to their local packet network and I might get it next month. So, make sure that anyone you ask to forward back to me via an amlink box checks that the amlink box knows his route back to me. Amlink sysops in direct contact with me can use their own forwarding protocol when in contact with me, but again, this has to be done manually, and not many of them bother; it will soon become apparent which route is faster."

James writes that "in effect, this means people should check with their [packet and AMTOR] sysops that the route back to me will include a return path via AMTOR or the reply will take forever via packet, if I get it at all. ... the [AMTOR] stations G3PLX is in direct contact with are in Ohio and Texas [see last month's article]."

Get Well Wishes

Word has reached us that Bob Siddons (NS2V) has been ill lately and is currently in the hospital. We know that he would like to hear from his fellow LARC members. Send your "get well" wish or card directly to him at Cabrini Medical Center, Room 1437, 227 E. 19th St., New York, NY 10003.

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President's Key

By Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

Did you know that with all of our public relations work and visibility this year at Dayton, in 73 Amateur Radio magazine, and the broadcasts on the IARN and RAIN, we have received only one piece of negative mail ... and that from an obviously demented individual? The special Dayton flyer which we distributed at the Hamvention made quite an impact and the broadcast interviews which Bob (KA8UHL) did over the IARN netted us at least two new members and several letters of support including one or two from non-gay hams. All of this proves that if we, as individuals and as a club, have the courage to stand proud as who and what we are, we will be rewarded with a surprising degree of support and acceptance! This year, LARC members have staffed LARC information tables at local gay and lesbian events in San Jose, San Francisco, Dallas, and Rochester. I hope to see more of our members doing the same in their communities. It can be a lot of fun and quite rewarding as those of us who have done it already know!

I've been licensed for over seven years now, but in that time I have never operated anywhere but from my home QTH fixed station location until just recently. Dan and I spent a week in Fire Island, NY ... the notorious gay resort ... and I decided to cart my IC-735 mobile rig onto the ferry and set up a portable station in Cherry Grove. Those of you familiar with Fire Island will recognize Dune Point, the guest house where we stayed. I used a Barker & Williamson window mount antenna and 50 watts of input to make contacts on 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters. I had a ball! I worked LARC members AF2K, W9BVD, and former member VE3DOO from the beach in Cherry Grove. The antenna whip is only 57 inches long, but it gets out great, especially on 40 meters where I made most of my contacts! It proves you can get on the air on HF even if you live in a cigar box! Armed with this success in Fire Island, I took my portable station to another resort popular with gays and lesbians, Rehoboth Beach, DE over the Labor Day weekend. Again, I had a lot of fun and made many contacts including an hour long rag chew with a ham in Louisiana on 15 meters. He gave me a 599! Now my new motto is "HAVE RIG, WILL TRAVEL!"

de KK3K

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LARC Members Computerize

Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI, Long Beach, CA)

It seems as though more and more of the members are getting bitten by the computer bug. Recent membership renewal forms indicate that you are starting to use computers more than before to help run your station, handle traffic, use packet, and also access timesharing services like CompuServe. If you are a LARC member who also is on CIS, please drop me a note to ID 75166,2506 and tell me your name, call, and CIS ID so I can add you to database.

HAMCOM - Dallas

By Dale Clark (WA0CFQ, Wellsville, KS)

After a short one hour flight, I landed at the Dallas-Ft. Worth airport and was greeted by fellow LARC member Dave (WD8IKB) who drove all the way down from Ohio for the hamfest. As we proceeded out of the airport parking lot, I realized that LARC member Vic (WB5MEI) was also on his way to the airport to pick me up! I got on my 2 meter handheld and raised Vic on the club frequency (145.80) and we were able to meet. LARC member Gordon (WB5OYL) was also with Vic. We chatted for a while and then we were off to the hamfest!

HAMCOM combined with the ARRL National Convention this year and was held at the Arlington Convention Center on Saturday and Sunday, June 3-4. This is a giant facility next door to Ranger's Stadium (baseball) and across the highway from the "Six Flags Over Texas" amusement park.

Inside the convention center there was a large exhibit area with all the major manufacturers plus several prominent dealers, all located along one wall. On the other side of the wall was a giant indoor flea market with 444 swap tables! It was quite a sight! Saturday was crowded like it is at Dayton. Later I learned that there were about 9,000 in attendance. The large turnout could be due to the combination HAMCOM and ARRL shows, but I understand this event draws a good crowd every year. I may put it on my calendar for next year.

Our group got separated several times in the crowd, but each time we were able to find each other using the club 2 meter frequency. Vic (WB5MEI) had to attend a business meeting in town, so he left the convention for a while and returned later.

Later that evening I went back to Vic's house, freshened up, and went out to eat at a popular restaurant in the "Cedar Springs" area where we all feasted. I ordered "Mama's Meat Loaf" and was it good! After dinner we went out to hit some of the local night spots for some "action!"

We went back to HAMCOM on Sunday and while the crowd had thinned out a bit, there were still plenty of people. I ran into an old friend of mine from Lincoln, NE that I have known for 10 years. I have also seen him at various other hamfests, including Dayton. I thought I knew him and I thought he was straight. He saw my LARC button and asked me about it. I saw him later and we discussed things. He said he was "open to new ideas" including maybe trying gay sex! This all surprised and shocked me! I had gotten married a couple of years ago and his XYL is now a ham. He had to attend a repeater coordination meeting, so we didn't get a chance to pursue things. Maybe next year!

HAMCOM-Dallas was a very nice affair. Besides myself, there was Vic (WB5MEI), Gordon (WB5OYL), and Dave (WD8IKB) from LARC attending the show. Maybe next year we'll return with many more LARC members present!

73 & 88 de Dale (WA0CFQ)



LARC Table at "Razzle-Dazzle Dallas"

Vic (WB5MEI) sponsored this attractive and informative table at this year's premier gay pride event in Dallas, TX called "Razzle-Dazzle Dallas." Vic reports that more than 2,000 walked by the booth. Vic set up the table complete with an HF rig, code practice oscillator, pamphlets, magazines, literature, photos, and copies of LARC newsletters. A job well done, Vic!

LARC Brochures Available Soon

By Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI, Long Beach, CA)

As you know, the Executive Committee of LARC has been very busy during the last two years trying to promote the club and extend our visibility into the amateur radio and gay communities. We have, in a manner of speaking, been burning the candle at both ends. Some LARC members have also been doing more to help in this area by participating in public events, gay pride celebrations, and sponsoring information tables at gay community functions.

Very soon, the Executive Committee hopes to have an informative LARC brochure available to anyone who wishes to use it. It will also be sent to all those who inquire about club membership and will be available to all members for their efforts at recruiting at events. Stay tuned!

Net Newsbits

Keith Bird (G4JED) now has a packet set-up. His local BBS is BG7UWS. Keith works for CitiCorp and he was recently in New York City on business but not long enough to get to meet any LARC members. He had another business trip planned to Laire in September and he has travelled to the Sudan and Nigeria. He is also interested in establishing a regular 40 meter net in the UK for LARC members.

James (G4ILW) spent a few days in Boston on business in August. He was unable to meet up with any other LARC members, but he did speak with Jim (KK3K) via landline. James visited several of the Boston area bars, and he recommends "Chaps" as the place to go. He is planning to attend the Dayton Hamvention in 1990. James wrote an excellent letter to 73 Amateur Radio magazine in support of LARC and in response to Wayne Green's editorial.

Stuart (G0BEV) is trying to organize a regular net sked in the UK for LARC members. He sent letters to all UK LARC members and set up a sked on 40 meters. Unfortunately, the sked did not work out very well due to poor propagation and QRM from RSGB broadcasts. He plans to keep trying for a regular UK net. Stuart will be travelling to France where he and Alan have rented a cottage in the Dordogne region. They will travel by motorcycle.

Leonard (KB8DOA) is our man in Nantucket. He is active in the newly formed Nantucket Island Amateur Radio Club and his packet BBS is K1UGM. Send Leonard a greeting ... he says "it gets boring out here!" Leonard also wrote a letter to Wayne Green about LARC.

LARC Secretary Bob Laycock (KA8UHL) continues to work behind the scenes with ARRL Vice-Director Alan Severson (AB8P) on the ARRL vs LARC advertising issue. Bob also recently wrote ARRL Great Lakes Division Director Leonard Nathanson to make his views known on LARC. Bob recently interviewed for a spot on the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Lesbian-Gay Community Center and he writes a monthly column on behalf of the Community Center for the Cleveland Gay People's Chronicle newspaper.

Brian DeWitt is now an Associate Editor of the Cleveland Gay People's Chronicle. Congratulations, Brian!

On the beach in Cherry Grove, Fire Island in August were LARC members Gary (WA3EIG) and Jim (KK3K, who operated a portable HF station while vacationing). Don (AA6GA) is continuing to receive inquiries to his notice about LARC posted on CompuServe, a computer system with more than 500,000 subscribers. He has referred at least two people to the club as a result of contacts via CompuServe. Good work, Don!

Through the ham radio grapevine we have heard that Rob (KA2EGO) has relocated to New Jersey ... Howard (W9BVD) and Mark (KC3XC) travelled through France, Germany, and Austria this summer ... Jim (KK3K) and Dan spent three weeks in Europe including a week in Venice and a week on an all-gay RSVP cruise around Italy.

Golden Gate Chapter News

The August social outing was a trip to "The Woоз," a human maze in Vacaville, which was preceded by a group brunch. The September meeting was held September 14th at W6DBZ's QTH in San Mateo. Other future events on the GGC calendar include a brunch and Folsom Street Fair on September 24, brunch and the Castro Street Fair on October 1st, and the Pacificon Convention on October 6-8. The chapter is proceeding with preparations to become an ARRL Affiliated Club with a final decision set to be made after a review of the ARRL's requirements for affiliation. Dick (K3AKK) and Joe visited Larry (WB9LOZ) and Bill (K9AT) in San Francisco during August. Charlie (WA4ITY) also visited Larry and Bill during August. Dale (WA0CFQ) was also on the west coast during August and attended the August GGC meeting. Bob (NG2P) and Ralph (AA6MO) bicycled together in Washington state and Idaho. Richard (KA7FYC) will be visiting the west coast in September. Rick (K6VE) and Larry will be visiting Larry and Bill in San Francisco in September. Don (W6DBZ) spent several weeks in Europe this summer.

Introduction To Packet Radio - Part 4

By Larry Kenney (WB9LOZ, San Francisco, CA)

The TNC commands that affect the monitoring mode and what you see on the screen while monitoring will be discussed in this part, then we'll take a look at the basics of packet bulletin board operation.

TNC Commands

MONITOR - This must be ON for you to monitor anything. When ON, you see packets from other stations on the frequency you're tuned to. What packets you see is determined by other commands from the list below. If MONITOR is OFF, you see only packets sent to you while you're connected to another station.

MALL - If MALL is ON, you receive packets from stations that are connected to other stations, as well as packets sent in unproto (unconnected) mode. This should be ON for "reading the mail". If MALL is OFF, you receive only packets sent in unproto mode by other stations.

MCOM - If ON, you see connect, disconnect, acknowledge A and busy frames in addition to information packets. If OFF, only information packets are seen.

MCON - If ON, you see packets from other stations while you're connected to someone else. This can get very confusing, but is useful when your path is bad and you want to see if your packets are being digipeated okay. If OFF, the monitoring of other stations is stopped when you're connected to another station.

MRPT - If ON, you see a display of all the stations used as digipeaters along with the station originating the packet and the destination station. If OFF, you see only the originating and destination stations. For example, if you have MRPT ON, you might see a transmission such as this:

K9AT WB6QVU,W6PW-5*: I'll be leaving for the meeting at about 7:30.

If MRPT was OFF, the same transmission would look like this:

K9AT WB6QVU: I'll be leaving for the meeting at about 7:30.

In the first case, you can see that the W6PW-5 digipeater was being used. The asterick indicates which station you were hearing the packet from. In the second case you have no idea if digipeaters are being used or what station you were receiving.

HEADERLN - If you have this turned ON, the header of each packet is printed on a separate line from the text. If OFF, both the header and packet text are printed on the same line.

MSTAMP - Monitored packets have the date and the time the packet was received if MSTAMP is ON. If it's OFF, the date/time stamp is not shown.

I run my station with all of these commands, except MCON, turned ON so that I can really see what's happening on the frequency I'm monitoring. Try various combinations of these commands and then decide on the combination you like best for your station.

Using A Packet Bulletin Board System

You connect to a bulletin board system (BBS) exactly the same way as you connect any other station. Once connected, you'll see a welcoming message, some basic instructions and other information. This information will vary from system to system. The first time you connect you'll receive a request to enter your name, home BBS, QTH and zip code for the system user file. You enter your name using the letter N followed by a space and then your first name, such as: N Larry. Your "home BBS" is the system you plan to use regularly and want all of your personal messages delivered to. You enter that by typing

NH followed by a space and then the call of the BBS, such as NH W6PW. (Note: SSIDs are not used with BBS operation except for when making the connection. The BBS software ignores all SSIDs.) Your QTH is entered with the Q command, such as NQ San Francisco, CA. Enter the full city name and the two letter state abbreviation. You enter your zip code with NZ followed by a space and your five-digit zip. The home BBS, QTH and zip code information is sent to a central data bank at the WD6CMU BBS known as the "White Pages", and can be used by anyone. System operators (sysops) use it for determining the correct system when forwarding messages, and you can use it to find out the "home BBS" of your friends. How to use the "White Pages" will be discussed later on in this series.

When checking in to a BBS for the first time, you should become familiar with the commands available to you. Each BBS or mailbox is a little different from the next, so read the introduction carefully and follow the directions. If you don't know what to do next, enter H for the HELP instructions. Make note of the command letters, enter only one command at a time, and make sure you enter them correctly. Computers are not very forgiving and expect things to be entered in proper form. Take your time, check out the features that the particular BBS or mailbox offers and enjoy yourself. There's no need to feel rushed or intimidated. If you get to a point where you don't know what to do next, don't give up and disconnect, enter H again for HELP. That's what it's there for! I suggest making a printer copy of the complete help file so that you have it available as a reference when using a BBS.

Now let's go through the basic procedures you should follow when checking into a BBS. When you receive the welcome message, you'll note that the last line ends with a . This is known as the prompt, and is where you enter the command you want performed next. If there are personal messages addressed to your call, the BBS will list them for you following the welcome message. Note the message numbers.

At the prompt, the first thing you should always do is list the new messages, by entering L. The BBS program updates the user file each time you check in, logging the latest message number. The next time you check in, only new messages that have been received by the system will be included in your list. The first time you'll receive all of them, since they're all new to you. This list can be very long, as many systems have more than 200 active messages on line. When you receive the list, note the numbers of the messages you're interested in reading.

Next, read the messages you're interested in. You do this by entering R XXXX, where the Xs represent the message number, such as R 4521. Note that there is a space between the command and the number. It's best to have your buffer or printer turned on when reading messages, because they're apt to come in faster than you're able to read them. You should have a means of saving them for reading later after you've disconnected. If there were messages addressed to you, you should erase or "kill" them once you've read them. You can do this with the "KM" command, which means "Kill Mine". This command will erase all messages that are addressed to you that have been marked as having been read. You can also kill each message individually by entering K XXXX, where the X's are the message number.

Once you've read all the messages you're interested in, you have several options. You can look back at old messages, send messages to other stations, see what's available in the files section, download a file, upload a file, check the list of stations

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Lambda Amateur Radio Club

Annual Meeting
Saturday, April 29, 1989

MINUTES

The Annual Meeting of the Lambda Amateur Radio Club (LARC) was held Saturday, April 29, 1989, in Room 101 of the Econo Lodge Motel, 2221 Wagoner Ford Road, Dayton, Ohio USA. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Jim Kelly (KK3K).

The following members were in attendance: Nick Altenbernd (KA1MQX), Mark Allyn (WA1SEY), Harry Peterson (N2CJM), Irv Goodman (AF2K), Robert Hunter (NG2P), Robert Siddons (NS2V), Dick Wareing (K3AKK), Julie Haladay (N3FNI), John Cressey (W3IWL), Jim Kelly (KK3K), Roy Castle (WB3LFI), Mike Haladay (NG3M), Mark Wilcox (KC3XC), Charles Garner (WA4ITY), Duane Durst (K4UW), Tom Hendrix (KI4ZN), Vernon Love (WB5MEI), Gordon Turner (WB5OYL), Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI), Leonard Jenkins (KB8DOA), Dave Frizzell (WD8IKB), Bill Wolfe (KA8TZX), Bob Laycock (KA8UHL), Bill Choisser (K9AT), Howard Wyman (W9BVD), Larry Kenney (WB9LOZ), Dale Clark (WA0CFQ), Hershel Jackson (WA0MBC), Brian DeWitt, and Honorary Members Dick Ramey and Joe Wongphuthon.

President Kelly greeted the members present and announced prizes to be available at the Club Banquet following the meeting. These included an AT&T memory telephone donated by Tom (KI4ZN) and a portable six-band shortwave receiver donated by a non-gay supporter of LARC in Arlington, VA.

President Kelly then introduced the other officers elected in the last election: Vice President Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI), Secretary Bob Laycock (KA8UHL), and Treasurer Tom Hendrix (KI4ZN), also LARC's Awards Coordinator. Members around the room introduced themselves.

President Kelly then thanked members for their special contributions at Dayton and throughout the year, including: W9BVD for arranging LARC's room reservations at Econo Lodge, AF2K for handling the restaurant reservations for the Club Banquet, and KI4ZN and Dick Ramey for their generous hosting of LARC's Dayton hospitality hours. For newsletter contributions President Kelly thanked WB6LYI (Editor), W0DBZ, WA4ITY, WA0CFQ, KA8UHL, N2CJM, WA1SEY, K9PVS, and WB9LOZ (LARC Packet Coordinator). For contributions to the LARC Lending Library President Kelly thanked N2CJM, WB8ROE and WB6LYI. He also thanked WB9LOZ and K9AT for overseeing the LARC elections last fall. Finally, he thanked all who renewed their memberships, including those who made extra contributions and WB0MBC, who made a special contribution to benefit LARC's advertising efforts.

State of the Club: 1989

President Kelly reviewed the current status of the Lambda Amateur Radio Club. He announced that LARC today now has 112 active members. Last year at this time, LARC had 70 active members — a 60% increase in one year! Our international membership is growing, with six members having joined in the United Kingdom.

Wayne Green (W2NSD), Publisher and Editor of 73 Amateur Radio magazine, ran an editorial on LARC in the May 1989 issue. Upon reflection, President Kelly thinks the editorial is very positive. This marks the beginning of real progress for LARC in dealing with the straight amateur press.

LARC's HF nets are very successful with much membership participation. The club also has two active chapters, the Golden Gate Chapter in San Francisco and the Potomac Chapter in Washington, DC. The Golden Gate Chapter combines Field Day and Gay Pride Day activities. K9AT reported that eight new members were recruited following Field Day/Pride Day 1988. Other chapters may follow in Cleveland, Miami/Ft. Lauderdale and St. Louis.

Participation is increasing in the LARC Awards Program, but is still low. President Kelly reminded members that QSL cards are not required for the award. So far, no one has used the LARC Lending Library, but donations for it are coming in.

WB6LYI has been heading up LARC's outreach program, mailing press releases and other publicity about LARC to 135 gay publications. These have resulted in a number of articles. The most notable was in The News (Los Angeles). The author contacted David Sumner (K1ZZ) at the ARRL for his comments on the League's actions towards LARC.

President Kelly also recounted our continuing "consciousness-raising" efforts with the straight amateurs, such as World Radio and 73. The May editorial in 73 is "opening the door", raising the subject but leaving it to the readers to respond. Since readers will surely write to 73, the officers strongly urge LARC members to write in support of 73 carrying LARC's ads.

LARC's second successful election was held this past fall, and the officers have diversified their duties to help better share the load.

Finally, President Kelly commended Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI) for his extraordinary work in the production of LARC's newsletter. "We have, without a doubt," President Kelly said, "the most terrific newsletter that anybody has." This was confirmed by the applause of those present.

Looking ahead to the coming year, President Kelly emphasized the importance of Wayne Green's overture to LARC in his May editorial. Also, 500 copies of a special general public edition of the Lambda Net News are being distributed at Dayton, and personal contacts are being made with the mainline ham press. So far, it appears the response is nearly 100% positive.

Our first regular Constitution and Bylaws revision will take place, under WB6LYI's leadership. We look for greater participation in the Awards Program, more newsletter submissions, use of the Lending Library, and more local social gatherings.

Vice President's Report

Vice President Bledsoe thanked members for their submissions to the newsletter, which help make it much more interesting reading for the membership. He asked members to keep writing. A special 16-part series on packet radio will start soon, written by LARC Packet Coordinator Larry Kenney (WB9LOZ). More graphics and pictures will be coming as the computer system is upgraded.

Vice President Bledsoe said our two-year experience under our Constitution and Bylaws will be reviewed for any fine tuning that may be necessary. Members will be consulted through the newsletter.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Laycock thanked Irv Goodman (AF2K) for his hard work as club Secretary the past few years. The Secretary, he explained, takes Minutes at the Annual Meeting and handles club correspondence from people inquiring about LARC or seeking to join. Potential new members are screened, first by KK3K and then by KA8UHL. For licensed hams, Call Book listings must correspond with information provided by the prospective member. For unlicensed persons, street addresses and phone numbers must be verifiable. If any of these fail, the person is not admitted to the club or given sensitive information.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Hendrix reported he assumed his duties as Treasurer in January following the elections. The funds on hand in the LARC checking account in Philadelphia, as of today, total \$915.00. Raffle proceeds and other donations received at Dayton will increase that total to about \$1100.

Treasurer Hendrix also reported that activity in the Awards Program is picking up, and reminded members that QSL cards are not necessary to confirm contacts. Members were shown the award certificates, which are suitable for framing.

1989 Resolutions

The following resolutions were moved by the Chair, and approved.

1. To renew LARC's Advocate advertisement. Amended that officers will review if ad cost exceeds \$200.
2. That LARC shall advertise in a non-gay publication requiring the inclusion of a callsign or last name, only after appealing for a waiver of this requirement and only if refusal to include the callsign would result in denial of the ad.
3. That the following people be elected Honorary Members of LARC for 1989: Dick Ramey and Joe Wongphuthon.

President Kelly opened the meeting to formal resolutions from the floor. Hearing none, the meeting was opened to general discussion, questions and comments.

General Discussion

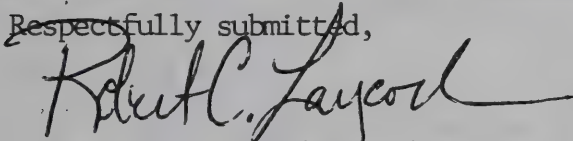
(1) Question if 73 Amateur Radio requires names or callsigns for ads. It does not. (2) Question if interest exists for a RTTY net other than on 75m. It was generally felt that too many skeds now exist to add another. Some interim skeds may be tried to test propagation and a formal decision made later. (3) [Question by WAØCFQ too faint on tape.] (4) Question asked about LARC's work with the Harvey Milk High School in New York City. There has been no activity.

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(5) Comments made and information provided about today's group photo and the Banquet and bar outing tonight.

There being no further business, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert C. Laycock", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert C. Laycock (KA8UHL)
Secretary

Introduction to Packet - Part 4

that have recently checked in to the BBS or stations that have been heard on frequency, monitor other frequencies used by the BBS, use the gateway feature (if available), check the status of the BBS tasks, or a variety of other things. In part 5 we'll cover some of the other BBS commands. In the mean time, the help file of the BBS should give you all the information you need to try any of the functions mentioned above. Enjoy!

New Members

By Bob Laycock, LARC Secretary (K8BUHL, Cleveland, OH)

Interest in LARC is growing by leaps and bounds. Since January, LARC has received 50 inquiries about the club from licensed hams and others. While some are just "window shopping," many decide to join.

Charles Dailey (KC0K) of Springfield, Missouri saw Wayne Green's May editorial in Amateur Radio and wrote an excellent two-page response supporting LARC. He then wrote and is now one of our newest members! Charles is into music, computers, and participates in the annual Midwest Men's Festival. He says he'd like to operate portable from there next year to contact other LARC members.

Wendy Kincaid (KB1AF) read about LARC in a two-year old copy of Metroline she had lying around! Wendy lives in Provincetown, Massachusetts and has been an active ham since 1954. She says she just recently met another lesbian ham and hopes to meet more through LARC. Wendy enjoys sailing, computers, and is active on many bands and packet.

Golden Gate Chapter member Jim Richards (N6VSM) has now joined LARC national. Welcome aboard and congratulations on the new call, Jim!

Gordon Baggott (G4GUW) is LARC's eighth member in the United Kingdom. Gordon hopes to meet other LARC members, so turn those beams east everybody and join us on the trans-Atlantic schedules!

LAMBDA NET SCHEDULES

TRANS-ATLANTIC SCHEDULE

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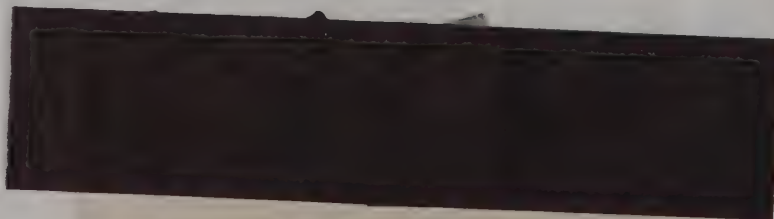
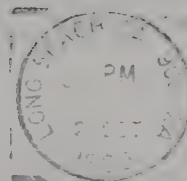
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Net Newsbits

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

KA8UHL Article on LARC Published

Bob Laycock (KA8UHL) penned an excellent article on LARC and our continuing struggles with the ARRL and 73 magazine. The article was published in the Gay People's Chronicle, the gay and lesbian newspaper for the Cleveland, Ohio area.

Bob's article was titled "Gay Hams Fighting Bias" and it appeared in the June 1989 edition. The article outlined the history of our attempts to advertise in the mainstream amateur radio press while at the same time the article gave the reader background information about LARC and its purpose. As a result of this article, Bob was contacted by a writer for The Advocate, the national magazine for gays and lesbians. It now appears that our club will be the subject of a feature story in a upcoming issue of The Advocate. Both Bob and Don (WB6LYI) have written and given interviews to the correspondent. Stay tuned for more information on this important development for LARC!

WB5MEI Organizes LARC Table at Dallas Gay Pride Event

Vic Love (WB5MEI) staffed a LARC information table at the Dallas, Texas gay pride event "Razzle-Dazzle Dallas" held Saturday evening, June 24th. Vic reports that the big news from the event is that he met two licensed hams who had not been aware of LARC. These two plus a third ham are now in the process of becoming LARC members! Vic estimates that about 2,000 people walked by his table and looked at his displays and 12 persons took the time to stop and chat with him about LARC and ham radio. Vic set up his table complete with an HF rig, code practice oscillator, pamphlets, magazines, literature, photos, and copies of LARC newsletters. Congratulations to Vic on a fine effort in Dallas!

AF2K Organizes LARC Booth at Local Picnic

Irv (AF2K) staffed a LARC information booth at the Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley annual picnic that was held on Sunday, July 16th. Assisting Irv was LARC'ers Bob (NG2P), Lisa (KB2DWB), Mark (KD2PR), and WB2IHR. Irv advises that the expected attendance was in the range of 1,800 to 2,000. The LARC banner was on display at this event.

Two New Members Join Via IARN Broadcasts

LARC has added two new members who learned about our club by monitoring the IARN broadcasts in June which features a two-part interview with LARC Secretary Bob Laycock (KA8UHL). Stephen (KA1SFI) of Newburyport, MA and Ed (WA3ZFE) from Bethesda, MD sent in requests for information and have subsequently joined LARC after learning about LARC from the IARN broadcasts. It is also worth noting that the club received several letters of support from non-gay persons who heard the IARN broadcasts and no negative letters were received as a result of these broadcasts.

LARC Messages Via AMTOR BBS Systems

By James Dingwall (G4ILW, Jesmond, Newcastle, England)

Over the past month or two I have had great success in sending messages to LARC members via AMTOR and packet radio. Many of you will already use the USA packet network, but did you know that there are now some ingenious links available to the AMTOR mailboxes too?

AMTOR has a number of advantages over packet for long hops. I can input my message to GB7PLX, the excellent AMTOR mailbox here in England, and the message is automatically forwarded to an AMTOR BBS in the USA and then into the USA packet network. The whole process is surprisingly quick compared to packet only routes. The best way to think of it is AMTOR as the 747 jumbo jet of the trans-Atlantic journey and packet radio being the 727 or BAE-170, taking the message to your own local BBS. I regularly send messages to Jim (KK3K) at K3PGB and Larry (WB9LOZ) at W6PW this way. Despite the fact that Jim and Larry are at opposite sides of the US, this route takes just 2-3 days to get my message through.

It is very simple to enter the message at my end. I just need to log into GB7PLX on AMTOR and use the command: SP KK3K @ K3PGB.USA. The mailbox then uses a route to get the message to one of the following USA AMTOR mailboxes: KB1PJ (Ohio), KS5V (Texas), WA8DRZ (CA). It may go directly from GB7PLX to the USA, or via VK6AGE and AH6D (AMTOR mailboxes in Australia and Alaska) if conditions are better that way, but never more than two or three hops for the bulk

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President's Key

By Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

I've received several requests from members regarding altering net times and

frequencies to facilitate contacts given the generally poorer propagation conditions which always accompany summertime. I'm reluctant to change our established skeds for two reasons: 1. Our expanded slate of net skeds is already quite complex and I really do not want to complicate it further; 2. Even though our nets continue during the summer, summertime is a time when our nets are not as well attended as during the rest of the year with vacations, etc. I would like to ask all of our members to be patient during the summer and continue to check into our nets when propagation permits. This fall, we should be able to continue our full schedule of nets with some of the best propagation conditions in years! See you in September, if not before!

de KK3K

Net Newsbits

LARC to be Listed in New Resource Book

Author Jim Preston has contacted LARC to request information about our club to be included in his upcoming resource book titled The Big Gay Book: A Gay Man's Guide to Resources for the 90's. The book will list social, political, religious, academic, and vocational organizations of interest to gay men and it is expected to be published during the fall of 1989. Jim (KK3K) sent a packet of information to John Preston describing LARC in detail. Look for this book and its coverage of LARC very soon!

WB6LYI Marks 4th Year as LARC Newsletter Publisher

The July-August 1989 issue of the Lambda Net News marks the completion of four years as newsletter editor and publisher for LARC Vice President Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI). We are fortunate to continue to have one of the finest newsletters anywhere thanks to Don's tireless efforts on our behalf. Not only does Don do a tremendous job with the newsletter, but he also has done great work with publicity and public relations for the club. We wish Don continued success and congratulate him on his fine efforts on our behalf. Keep up the fine work, Don!

Golden Gate Chapter News

The Golden Gate Chapter was very busy during June. They sponsored booths at gay pride day celebrations in both San Jose and San Francisco. HF, 2 meter, and packet stations were operated by the chapter at both events. The Chapter published a special edition of their own newsletter for distribution at both events. The GGC participated in field day for the second year in a row from their booth in Civic Center Plaza. Their final score was 604 points in class 2A. The Chapter will be discussing possible affiliation with the ARRL and the possibility of staffing a booth at the ARRL Pacific Division Convention, PACIFICON, to be held in San Jose later this year. With all of this activity going on, the chapter still continues its schedule of social get-togethers with a trip to the Gilroy Garlic Festival on July 29th, and a trip to WOOZ in Vacaville (the maze for human beings) planned in late August.

Dayton Color Enlargements Available

Color enlargements (8x10) of the LARC group picture taken at Dayton '89 are available from Jim (KK3K). Send your order to Jim, P.O. Box 24910, Philadelphia, PA 19130. The cost for the enlargements is \$6.65 each, including postage.

Time to Take Our Temperature

By Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI, Long Beach, CA)

Every so often I like to pause and ask for your feedback, ideas, suggestions, and comments about things. The LARC Executive Committee (President, V.P., Secretary, and Treasurer) needs your input in order to make our organization what you'd like to see it become. We need you to tell us what you think. For example: How is the newsletter? Would you like to have a more personal contact with the club...how can we do that? Club activities and programs? Local LARC chapters? What do you think of our public relations campaign? Should we advertise more? Should we send copies of our newsletter to other clubs...the press (QST, 73, etc.)...or gay historical archives? Now's the time to take a moment to jot a note to me at P.O. Box 91299, Long Beach, CA 91299 or send your EasyPlex message on CompuServe to ID 75166,2506.

New LARC Members

By Bob Laycock (KA8UHL, Cleveland, OH)

LARC's exposure on the International Amateur Radio Network (IARN) earlier this year is paying off!

Stephen Gough (KA1SFT) of Newburyport, MA first learned of LARC on the IARN (3.975 MHz) broadcast of May 16th. He wrote us the next day and has joined our ranks. He holds a General Class license and operates PK-232, HF XCVR with 10m & 20m folded dipoles. He also enjoys writing and owns a Macintosh computer.

Ed Wolpov (WA3ZFE) of Bethesda, MD also learned of LARC on IARN. Ed has a General Class license. Ed's station includes Icom rigs IC-751A & IC-2GAT with Butternut vertical and beam antennas. He enjoys photography, music, and owns a IBM-clone.

William (Bill) Westenhaver of Montreal, Quebec is a Canadian SWL. Bill is an enthusiastic SWL and co-hosts a weekly radio series on CKUT-FM, International Radio Report. Bill reports that CKUT also carries a weekly series, The Homo Show and may soon revive a lesbian program, Dykes on Mikes. Bill first learned of LARC from RG, a monthly gay publication in Montreal. He said the article was reprinted from Communiqué in Maine.

Welcome aboard all!



Eyeball QSO!

LARC Prez Jim meets members in St. Louis, MO on recent trip. From left: Jim (KK3K), Bob (W0EKM), Bob (WA0S), & Gordon (WB5OYL). This could be the beginning of a St. Louis LARC Chapter!

AMTOR BBS

of the journey. The message is then dumped into the USA packet radio network, just as if I were in the USA myself.

Problems arise though when it comes to sending back to me and the other LARC members in Europe. This AMTOR route is very new and G3PLX (who devised the AMTOR system and operates GB7PLX) tells me that I am one of the first to use it regularly. It has been very hard for me to find information on how to access the system from the USA end of things. At last though, I found a file when I accessed VK6YM, another BBS station in Australia. The fact that I can read this file from Australia directly on 20 meters should say something of the power of AMTOR!

The latest information seems to be:

Mailbox

| Call | SELCALL | SYSOP | Location | Frequencies |
|----------|---------|-------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| KB1PJ/8 | KBPJ | DAVID | Cleveland, OH | 14070.5 |
| KS5V | KKSV | ED | Canyon Lake
San Antonio, TX | 14072.5 |
| WA8DRZ/6 | WDRZ | CRAIG | Palomar Park
San Francisco, CA | 14072.5
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Once you are into one of these AMTOR mailboxes then you can forward a message to me at GB7PLX. There should be a

help file to explain how to do it, or you could contact the SYSOP for more information. Looking at the locations and comparing them with the LARC membership list I should think that it will be possible for most LARC members to access one or the other boxes using quite modest equipment. This is true of all AMTOR contacts. To log into VK6YM from England all I used was a PK-232, 150 watts, and a vertical antenna!

If any LARC members would like to do tests with me, please try the route from any of these boxes and send to G4ILW @ GB7PLX, it would be great to hear from you. You could also drop me a line at: 48 Albemarle Avenue, Jesmond, Newcastle NE2 3NQ, England, for more information. Include your local packet BBS call and I will send back to you via AMTOR and packet. As this route evolves and we get more members over here, I think this is going to be an important way for DX LARC members to stay in contact. LARC also seems to be ahead of the rest of the ham radio world in putting this service to use. Let's keep it that way!

Introduction To Packet Radio - Part 3

By Larry Kenney, WB9LOZ

In our last column I talked about how to get on the air and make your first QSO. This time I'll be explaining the special calls used in packet radio, the use of digital repeaters (called digipeaters), and how to use some of the commands in your TNC.

THE SSID: Each licensed amateur is allowed to have up to 16 different stations in operation at the same time on packet radio. You could have your home station, several digipeaters and a bulletin board system all operating with your callsign. To differentiate between the various operations you use an SSID, a "Secondary Station ID", attached to the end of the callsign. The SSID is shown as a dash followed by a number, 0 through 15. An SSID of -0 is usually not shown, and is not needed.

DIGIPEATERS: Digipeater is the term we use to describe a packet radio digital repeater. Unlike voice repeaters, most digipeaters operate on simplex and do not receive and transmit simultaneously. They receive the digital information, temporarily store it and then turn around and retransmit it.

Your TNC will allow you to enter up to eight digipeaters in your connect sequence, but using more than 3 usually means long waits, lots of repeated packets, and frequent disconnects, due to noise and other signals encountered on the frequency.

When entering the list of digipeaters in your connect sequence, you must make sure that you enter them in the exact order that your signal will use them. You must separate the calls by commas, without any spaces, and the EXACT callsigns must be used, including the SSID, if any. That means you need to know what digipeaters are out there before randomly trying to connect. Turn MONITOR ON and watch for the paths that other stations are using or check the digipeater listings. Here are some examples of proper entries:

C W6PW-3 v W6PW-5

C N6ZYX v WA6FSP-1, WB6LPZ-1

C W6ABY-4 v K6MYX, N2WLP-2, AB6XO

Something to remember when using digipeaters is the difference between making a connection and sending information packets. If the path isn't all that good, you might be

able to get a connect request through, but will have a difficult time with packets after that. The connect request is short so it has much less of a chance of being destroyed by noise or collisions than a packet containing information. Keeping information packets short can help keep retries down when the path is less than ideal.

NODES: Net/Rom and TheNet nodes are another means of connecting to other packet stations. A complete review of their operation will be covered in a later part of this series.

TNC PARAMETERS: The Terminal Node Controller, that "little black box" we've talked about in the past, has more than 90 different commands available. You're able to customize your packet operating with these commands and turn on and off various features as you wish. Not all TNCs are exactly alike, but all have pretty much the same functions. I'll be using the commands used by the TNC2 and clones in my examples.

We covered a few of the commands in a previous article: CONTROL-C for entering command mode, MYCALL, MONITOR, CONNECT, and DISCONNECT. Now let's discuss a few that can change the way your station functions.

ECHO: This command tells the TNC whether or not it should send what you type back to the monitor screen. If you don't see anything when you type, set ECHO to ON. Iiff yyouuu sseeee ddoouubbllee, set ECHO to OFF. This setting will depend on how your particular computer system functions.

CONV (converse mode): Your TNC will automatically switch to this mode when you connect with someone, but you can also do it by entering CONV (CR) at the Cmd: prompt. When in converse mode, anything you type will be transmitted via the path you set with UNPROTO. (See the next paragraph.) Anyone in monitor mode will be able to read what you transmit. Packets in converse mode are sent only once and are not acknowledged, so there is no guarantee that they'll get through. This mode is used frequently for sending CQ's.

UNPROTO: This command designates the path used when in converse mode. The default is CQ, but you can enter a series

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of digipeaters if you wish, or a specific group or club name. Some examples:

CQ v WB6SDS-2,W6SG-1,AJ7L

SFARC v W6PW-1,W6PW-4

Remember, you have to change UNPROTO for use on different frequencies, unless you leave it set simply to "CQ".

FRACK: This determines how long your TNC will wait for an acknowledgement before resending a packet. It shouldn't be set too short, or you simply clutter up the frequency, yet it shouldn't be too long, or you'll spend too much time waiting. I use FRACK set to 7, and have found that to be an overall good value.

DWAIT: Used to avoid collisions, DWAIT is the number of time units the TNC will wait after last hearing data on the channel before it transmits. I have DWAIT set to 16, and have found that to work well.

PACLEN: Determines the number of characters in your packets, ranging from 1 to 256. The more characters you send

per packet, the longer it takes to transmit the information and the greater your chances are of noise, interference or another station wiping it out. I've found a PACLEN of 80, which is the length of one line, to be a good value. When working a station nearby, PACLEN can be increased. When working a distant station, it should be decreased.

RETRY: Your TNC will retransmit a packet if it doesn't receive an acknowledgement from the station you're working. RETRY indicates the number of times the TNC will try to get the packet through before giving up and disconnecting. This can be set from 1 to 15, but I've found 8 to 10 to work well. Less than that causes an unnecessary disconnect if the channel happens to be busy, but more than that clutters up the channel.

Try working with those commands. In the next article I'll cover a few more, plus take a look at how to use a packet bulletin board system.

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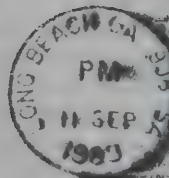
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By Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

KA8UHL Interviews Broadcast Over IARN

The International Amateur Radio Network broadcast a two-part interview recorded by Bob Laycock (KA8UHL) on the subject of LARC. Reaction to the broadcasts has been very positive, including letters of support and encouragement from non-gay hams. In addition, we have a new member in Massachusetts who learned about LARC from the broadcasts. The interview was an unusually long 19 minutes and was split into two parts because of its length. Part 1 was broadcast in early May and Part 2 did not air the following week as scheduled. This prompted LARC officials to fear negative reaction had forced the IARN to axe the broadcast of Part 2. This was not the case when confirmed by a telephone call made by Jim (KK3K) to Hap Holly (KC9RP) in Chicago. Hap explained that programming priorities were to blame. Part 2 of the interview was broadcast the following week. The interviews were also broadcast locally wherever the Radio Amateur Information Network (RAIN) broadcasts are picked up by the two meter repeater clubs. Kudos to Bob (KA8UHL) who did a super job with the interview and was assisted by Brian DeWitt, and to the RAIN Foundation and the IARN who had the courage and intelligence to bring our side of the story to the international amateur radio community. The lack of negative reaction to Bob's interviews and the letters of support received by LARC are an indication that we can make a difference if only we have the courage and pride in ourselves to stand tall as lesbian and gay amateurs. We must also give our fellow straight hams the chance to help us because many of them are on our side. They can't help us if we stay a well-kept secret, so we will be looking for more opportunities to present our club to the public.

LARC Letter Writing Campaign to 73 Magazine Underway

Many LARC members have written to 73 Magazine in response to Wayne Green's editorial on gay hams published in the May issue of 73 Magazine. Among those who wrote personalized letters were Don (AA6GA), Ralph (AA6MO), Jim (KK3K), Tom (KI4ZN), James (G4ILW), and Bob (KA8UHL). Members who wish can use the form letter included in the June newsletter to make their views known to the people at 73 Magazine. It's not too late ... send in your letter today!

LARC Welcomes New Members

By Bob Laycock (KA8UHL, Cleveland, OH)

LARC welcomes six new members who have joined since we returned from Dayton just a few weeks ago.

Joseph Costa (N2HGZ) holds a Technician license and lives in Swedesboro, NJ. He likes cooking and traveling, owns a Tandy 1000 computer.

Joseph Williams (KA3SIA) learned about LARC from our Advocate ad. Joseph is a Novice and wants to upgrade. He enjoys theatre, music, and computer games. His QTH is Allentown, PA.

Fred Pence (W4LDG) has joined LARC in Newton, PA. In addition to amateur radio, Fred is active with computers and owns several! He holds a General license and is active on HF and 2 meters.

Roddy Reavis is active in computers and wants to get his first ham ticket soon. Roddy lives in Plano, TX and enjoys electronics, RF design, and video. He owns an IBM-AT computer.

Keith Bird (G4JED) becomes our eighth British member! Keith lives in Tonbridge, Kent, England and is active on HF and VHF.

Last, but certainly not least, is Craig Kauffman (N6UWK) who is a member of the Golden Gate Chapter in San Francisco and just got his first license as a Technician. Congratulations, Craig!

Interest in LARC is growing! The newsletter distribution in Dayton and the IARN interview are getting responses. In the past few months, LARC has received 24 letters inquiring about the club.



We're really here at Dayton 89!

Tom (KI4ZN), left, and Nick (KA1MQX) arrive at the Dayton Hamvention.

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President's Key

By Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

"Why do you dress like that?"

"Why do you insist on being so flamboyant?"

"Why are all of you either hairdressers or dancers?"

These questions were actually asked of me by a straight ham who was trying to understand just who we gay and lesbian hams are, and who was willing to produce a taped interview for broadcast internationally about LARC to try to help the rest of the ham radio population understand us as well. This person was open-minded enough to be willing to attempt to understand gay and lesbian hams and LARC. If an open-minded straight man is laboring under so many misconceptions about gays and lesbians (we know we're not all hairdressers and ballet dancers, and not all flamboyant), it is any wonder that so many of our vociferous detractors actually hate us? Imagine what they must think about us!

We know just exactly how normal we all are. We live our daily lives facing many of the same everyday experiences as our straight counterparts ... with only some subtle differences. WE have careers, family problems, relationships, and some of us even have children to raise. We know we're not sick perverts. We know we don't fit any of the popular stereotypes which some straight people cling to about us. What we fail to realize, however, is that most straight people don't know all of this. It's up to us to get the message through to the straight population that these misconceptions and stereotypes are just plain wrong! We must destroy these damaging, incorrect ideas if we are ever to end discrimination against gays and lesbians. The only way to do this is to come out of the closet and prove these stereotypes wrong by the truth and reality of our individual lives. This is powerful medicine guaranteed to affect a cure, if we're courageous enough to administer it!

de KK3K

Letter to 73 Magazine

Ed.: The following is the text of the letter sent by LARC member Don (AA6GA) to 73 Amateur Radio magazine. It was one of many letters mailed to 73 by LARC members in response to Wayne Green's editorial. We are glad to share it with you.

"After reading Wayne's comments regarding gay hams in the May, 1989, issue of 73 Magazine (page 98), I remembered that in the June, 1978, issue (page 90), my letter asking to gay hams interested in starting a cw net was printed.

I have received 47 replies to that letter out of which 46 were serious. Only the one from a K8 tried to make a joke out of it, but even he did not seem "angry" by it being in your magazine.

I have also placed ads in various gay magazines for this cw net & received several replies, but not from as many active hams as resulted from the letter in 73. This is probably why gay radio clubs like to utilize ham radio magazines rather than other publications.

It is hard for me to believe that in 1989 "the readers would be angry" if they were indifferent more than 10 years ago to this type of ad/letter."



LARC Hospitality

After traveling to Dayton for the Hamvention, Bill, K9AT, and Larry, WB9LOZ, set off by car for a trip through New Mexico, Arizona and southern California. They visited London Bridge in Lake Havasu City, the Meteor Crater, Petrified Forest and Painted Desert in AZ, Albuquerque and Santa Fe, NM, Larry's sister and family in Las Vegas, NM (not NV), Carlsbad Caverns, El Paso, Juarez, Las Cruces and Tombstone. Continuing on to Tucson, they visited and stayed with LARC member Steve, KD6ZZ, and Don, and visited the Living Desert Museum. While in Los Angeles they visited and stayed with LARC member Rick, K6VE, and Larry.

WB9LOZ & K9AT On the Move

By Steve Godwin (KD6ZZ, Tucson, AZ)

Following their trip to the Dayton Hamvention, Larry (WB9LOZ) and Bill (K9AT) returned to their home in San Francisco, CA and immediately left by car to visit relatives in Texas. On the return trip, they stopped over for a two day visit with me in Tucson, AZ. I was able to keep in constant touch with them from El Paso, TX to Tucson via the two meter ZIA link. I showed them some of the Tucson attractions including the Arizona—Sonora Desert Museum, which is ranked the second best zoo in the nation.



Above: Bob (KA8UHL) gives his report at the annual meeting.

Left: LARC members attending Dayton pause for the traditional group photo.

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LARC in the News

Notices concerning LARC members attending Dayton 1989 were picked up by The Guide to the Gay Northeast, RG (Rencontres Gais) Magazine (Montreal, Canada), Communique (Maine), Stonewall Union (Columbus, OH), Bay Area Reporter (San Francisco, CA), and Au Courant (Philadelphia, PA).

Member Correspondence

Don (AA6GA) has put a notice about LARC on CompuServe, the computer information system with over 500,000 subscribers. Don writes that he was surprised to find so many gay people on CompuServe, and he has already found one ham who he is trying to interest in joining LARC. For those LARC members who also subscribe to CIS, the Gay Alliance is in Section 4 in the Human Sexuality Forum. Enter GO HSX-100 at any "!" prompt, join, and

have a good time with the fun-loving bunch that frequents this lively forum.

Tom (KI4ZN) and Dick took a different route home from Dayton this year, travelling through Charleston, WV, Charlotte, NC, and Jacksonville and Daytona, FL rather than through Atlanta. Tom says this is not longer though it might seem so. Dick's chickens are now laying Easter type eggs ... blue and green, but he still sells them for the old price of \$1.00 per dozen!

Vic (WB5MEI) staffed a LARC booth at the big gay event of the year in Dallas called "Razzle Dazzle Dallas." The event is a combination dance, beer bust, drag show, etc. and 7,000 people were expected to attend. Perhaps we'll have more members in the Dallas area soon!

Golden Gate Chapter News

The June meeting was slated for June 8th at the QTH of Reese (WD6EOB) in Fremont, CA. Booths were planned for gay pride day celebrations in San Jose and San Francisco. LARC GGC members provided communications for the AIDS Bike-A-Thon held recently, and sincere gratitude was expressed by event organizers for the help provided by GGC. The June GGC newsletter also contained a fine write-up on Dayton penned by Larry (WB9LOZ).

LARC Renews Advocate Ad

Club Treasurer Tom (KI4ZN) has renewed the advertisement which the club runs in The Advocate for another year. The renewal notice came during May and the price for the ad did not increase over last year. Authorization to renew the ad was given by voice vote of the membership during the LARC business meeting held at Dayton 1989.

San Francisco AIDS Bikethon

The Golden Gate Chapter of LARC provided communications again this year for the fifth annual San Francisco AIDS Bikethon, sponsored by Different Spokes, the gay bicycling club. The event had over 1200 participating bicyclists and raised approximately \$361,000 for Bay Area AIDS organizations.

Communications were established at the early hour of 6:30 am. A portable repeater was installed at a high, strategic location in Marin county, and stations were set up at the main start-finish location in San Francisco's Castro area, at the four rest stops, in medical vehicles and in "sag wagons", as well as with the two co-coordinators of the event.

The first group of riders, those traveling the 100 mile route, departed at 7:30 am. The 60-milers departed at 9, followed by the 25-milers at 10 and the 10-mile riders at noon. The usual set-up coordination was the first type of traffic handled, as tables, chairs, food, drinks, water and ice were delivered to the rest stops. Once the event was underway, everything ran quite smoothly for several hours. An occasional call was received

for a "sag wagon" to help a rider with a flat tire or to pick up a disabled cyclist.

The traffic picked up toward early afternoon, and the frequency began to get very busy as more riders needed assistance, minor injuries were reported and rest stops ran out of supplies and needed replenishing. There were three injuries requiring medical help, and one major accident requiring an ambulance when a rider was hit by a car. The rider was treated at Marin General Hospital for a fractured arm and broken toe and released.

At about 6 pm, concern for a missing rider prompted an all encompassing search of several routes, coordinated via the LARC communications net. The rider was reported as not having checked into the last rest stop before the final leg back to the finish line. It was also reported that he was hearing impaired. A unit was sent to the rider's home to make sure he hadn't returned there and several units searched the routes looking for him. As darkness set in about 8 pm, the rider rode into the finish area to the cheers and relief of all. He reported that he had gotten

tired, so had stopped for a rest in Sausalito. He then took a shorter route to return to the finish point due to the late hour.

Sixteen members of LARC participated in the communications effort. Reese, WD6EOB, was responsible for manpower, and Francis, KB7IP, organized the equipment needed by the club and coordinated the set up. Others participating were Bill (K9AT), Don (W6DBZ), Paul (WA3DGI), Peter (AA6FI), Mike (KB6IRQ), Larry (WB9LOZ), Peter (N6LQV), Arturo (N6PGH), Kit (WB6QVU), Ken (N6SVE), Gary (N6TEQ), Craig (N6WVG), Mark (KB6YGC), and E.J. (KB6YGD). Ralph, AA6MO, rode the 60 mile route of the bikethon and raised over \$1,200 in pledges for his efforts. It should be noted that 100% of the funds raised by the bikethon go directly to the beneficiaries. All workers are volunteers and all administrative costs of the event are covered by donations and registration fees.

Lambda Net News Improves Again

By way of providing a little insight into the equipment used to produce each issue of the news, I thought I'd give you a rundown on the new system. The new CPU is a Zenith Data Systems Z-386/25 running at 25MHz, 150MB disk, and 4MB RAM. The monitor is a Zenith 1490 VGA display. The printer is an NEC LC-890 PostScript device. A Microtek 300G scanner has just been added to directly scan images into Ventura Publisher. Artwork is prepared using the Corel Draw! package. Software drivers include 386Max to re-map extended memory to EMS. Ventura Professional Extension will be added soon to improve capabilities.

PACKET RADIO: An Introduction - Part 2

By Larry Kenney, WB9LOZ

In the first part of this series we told you, in general terms, what packet radio was all about...what it is, its uses, the equipment used and, generally, how its transmitted. Now we're going to tell you how to get on the air, make a QSO, and become familiar with your packet station. Whether you're new to packet, having just received a new TNC, have been involved for just a short time, or are one of the "old timers" with three or four years of experience, this series should help all of you. Even if you don't yet own a TNC, you should keep this article handy for future use. I'll bet you'll be joining us soon!

The equipment needed to get on the air is a VHF transceiver, a computer or terminal, and a TNC - the terminal node controller - the little black box we talked about in part 1. (There is packet activity on HF, but VHF is where all the action is. It's the best place to start out in packet.) The TNC contains a modem and is equivalent to the modem used to connect your computer to the phone lines, except that it also contains special software that's specially designed for ham radio packet use.

When you buy a TNC and take it out of the box, you'll find cables supplied for connecting it to the radio, but you'll have to attach the appropriate mic and speaker jack connectors for the radio you're going to use. You also have to furnish the cable that connects the TNC to your computer or terminal. In most cases, the standard RS-232 port is used between the TNC and computer, however this varies on the type of computer and TNC used. The operating manuals supplied with the TNC have a good write up on the various computers and the cabling needed. I would advise that you read the introduction and set up procedures for your particular TNC very carefully. Most companies have supplied excellent manuals, and you usually can figure out all of your set up problems from the the information supplied in the manual.

Once you have everything wired and connected together, turn on the computer, load a terminal program (anything used for a phone modem will work well for packet) and get into receive mode. Now turn on the radio and make sure the volume is turned up about a quarter turn (about the "10 o'clock" position) and make sure the squelch is set. It should be at the point where the background noise disappears, just as it would be set for a voice QSO. Next, turn on the TNC. You should get a "greeting" or sign on

message showing the manufacturer's name, software version, etc. If you see a bunch of gibberish, such as &#x26;\$d.#ssanm, it means that the data rate of the TNC and computer are not the same. This data rate is better known as the baud rate. The baud rate of the TNC has to match the baud rate used by your com-puter terminal program and is easily adjusted. Check you TNC manual for this procedure, as it varies from TNC to TNC. If you don't see a "greeting" or the gibberish, check your cables and connections. Make sure that you have everything connected properly, that the right wires are on the right pins, etc.

Now we need to explain the three levels of communicating you can do from the keyboard. First, you can communicate with your computer for setting up the terminal program; second, you can communicate with the TNC; and third, you can communicate with the radio. It's very impor-tant that you know which level you're in when working packet. I can't help you much with the computer level, since that varies with manufacturer, model and type, but once you get the terminal program ready to receive data, you're ready to talk to the TNC.

First, do a "control C" (press the CNTL and the letter C simultan-eously); this puts the TNC in COMMAND mode, the level where you communicate directly with the TNC from the keyboard. You should see "cmd:" on your screen. Enter "MYCALL - - - -" with your callsign in place of the dashed lines, such as "MYCALL WB9LOZ", followed by a carriage return (CR). All commands are followed by a (CR). This sets into the TNC memory the call that you're going to use on the air. If you type "MYCALL" (CR) now, it should respond with your call. If it does, you've proven that the computer to TNC linkup is working fine. If you do not see anything on the screen when you type, blindly enter the following: ECHO ON (CR). If you see two of everything that you type, such as MMYYYCCAALLL, enter ECHO OFF (CR).

You're now ready to go on the air! Tune the receiver to any odd numbered frequency between 144.91 and 145.09 that has some activity on it and set the rig up for simplex operation. Enter "MONITOR ON" (CR), then watch the screen. You should soon be seeing the packets that are being sent over the air by other stations. If you don't see anything in a minute or two, try tuning to another

frequency. Watch for callsigns with a * next to it, such as W6PW-WA6RDH-1*, or WB6SDS-2*. Callsigns with an asterick indicate that you're copying the packet from that station, as it's being repeated, or digipeated. Jot down the call.

In packet, you can have up to 16 different stations on the air at the same time using the same callsign. That's where the numbers come into play. The calls W6PW, W6PW-1, W6PW-2, W6PW-3, W6PW-4 and W6PW-5 are all individual stations operating under the same station license. The numbers are used to differentiate between the various stations.

Now, before you try to make your first QSO with someone else, you should check out your equipment to make sure it's set up properly. To do that, you can CONNECT to yourself. Note one of the callsigns you jotted down a minute ago. Make sure your radio is still tuned to the frequency where you heard that call, then enter the following: "C - - - - V - - - -" (CR) where the first dashed lines are YOUR callsign and the second dashed lines are the call of the station you jotted down. The C means CONNECT and V means VIA. "C WB9LOZ W6PW-1" means connect to WB9LOZ via W6PW-1. You should soon see "*** CONNECTED TO (your call)" on the screen. You have now entered the third level of communications, called CONVERSE mode, and this is where you communicate from the keyboard to the radio. Anything you type on the keyboard will be transmitted over the air as a packet every time you hit a (CR). If you enter "Test" (CR) you should see "Test" a second time on the screen, as it's transmitted, then digi-peated and sent back to you. In this case you'll only be talking to yourself via another station, but it's a good way to check to make sure your system is working properly. If that works, hit a CONTROL C. This puts you back into COMMAND mode where you talk to the TNC again. Enter "D" (CR). This will disconnect you from the other station, and you'll see "DISCONNECTED" on the screen.

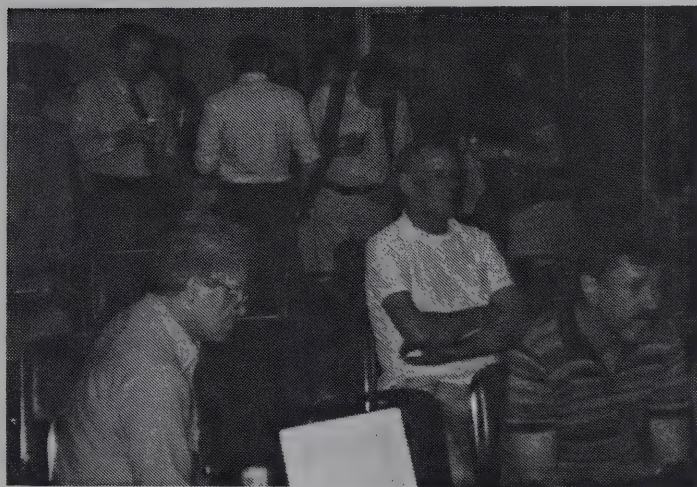
Now you're ready to talk to someone else! Watch for a familiar call on the screen while monitoring or note calls you see frequently. Be sure to note whether or not a digipeater is being used watching for the *. If you see WB9LOZ WA6DDM, W6PW-1*, for example, you're receiving the packets from

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Packet Radio Introduction

W6PW-1. If you do not see an asterisk, you are copying the station direct. When the station you want to contact is finished with his QSO, enter "C ----" or "C ----V ----" (depending on whether or not a digipeater is needed) followed by (CR). You should get a "*** CONNECTED TO ..." on the screen, which means you're in converse mode, and your first QSO with someone else is underway! Anything you type now will be sent to the other station, and anything he types will be sent to you. When you're finished, be sure to do a CONTROL C to get back into command mode, then enter "D" to disconnect from the other station.

You're on the way now to lots of packet fun and adventure!



Above: The rigors of the Hamvention's exhibits, flea market, and endless looking around seems to extract a greater toll on some more than others. Everyone wanted to know: "Who's the new guy?"

Top: LARC members gathering for the annual business meeting of the club.

73 Magazine "Letters to the Editor" ... in case you missed it!

What Cheek!

You're really asking for it. What an idea, that we should allow gay amateurs to use the airwaves and advertise in 73. Nonetheless, I think the idea is a good one. Would you allow your advertising staff to refuse an advertisement from a group of YL hams? No? Then how about German-speaking hams? Or maybe even Asian or Jewish hams?

The fact is pretty well proven that gay folks have no more choice about who and what they are than a Jew or Arab has. They have every right to live with as much freedom as everyone else, as long as they harm no one. That includes the right to get a license, to use the airwaves in accordance with regulations, and, yes, to organize and meet with others of similar background and experience. For 73 to print an advertisement from a group of gay hams (assuming the ad itself is not offensive) does not constitute an endorsement of anything other than the right of these people to exist. You do believe in that right, I hope. Allowing them to advertise in 73 would seem consistent with your history of backing progressive ideas. Frankly, I was surprised and disturbed that there should be any question at all over

this issue. By all means, print the ad, and continue to print it. Set an example for those people who insist on being blinded by their own prejudice.

Gary Lee Phillips KA9NZI
Chicago IL 60640

If we can't be blinded by our own prejudices, whose prejudices can we be blinded by? Gary, you're a trouble-maker. . . Wayne

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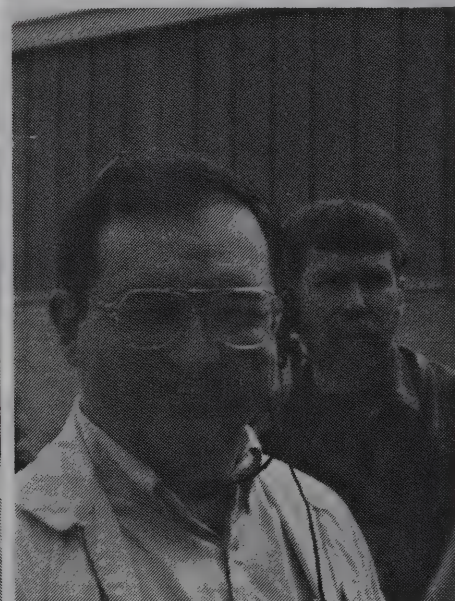
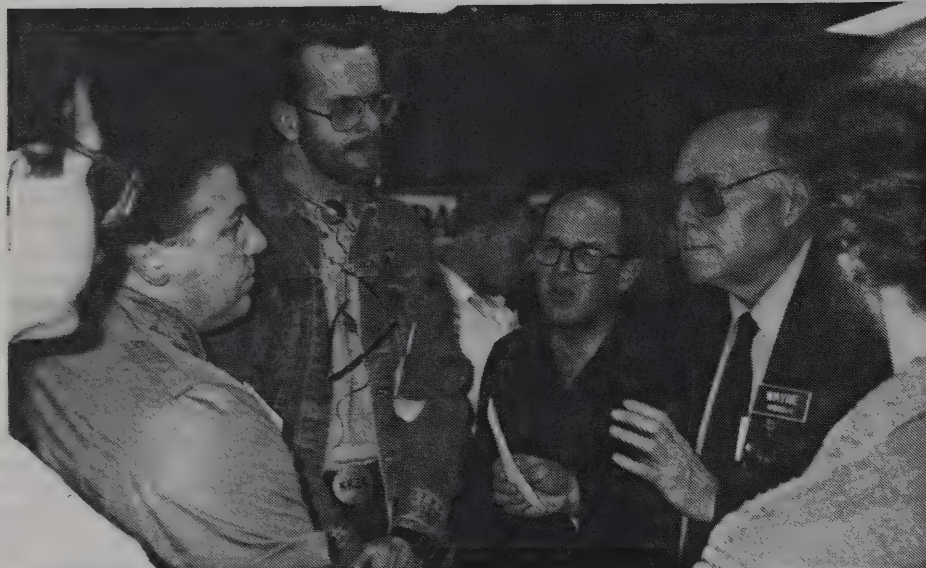
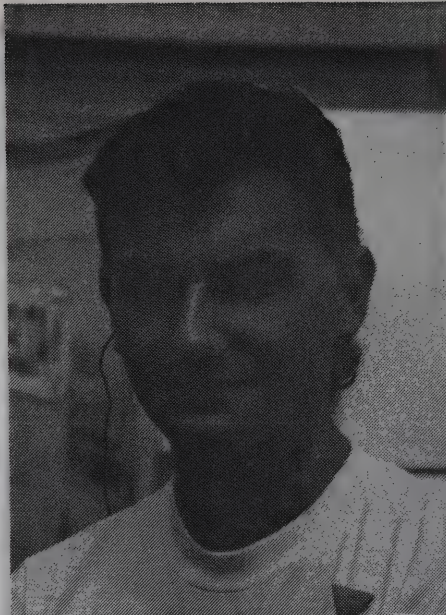
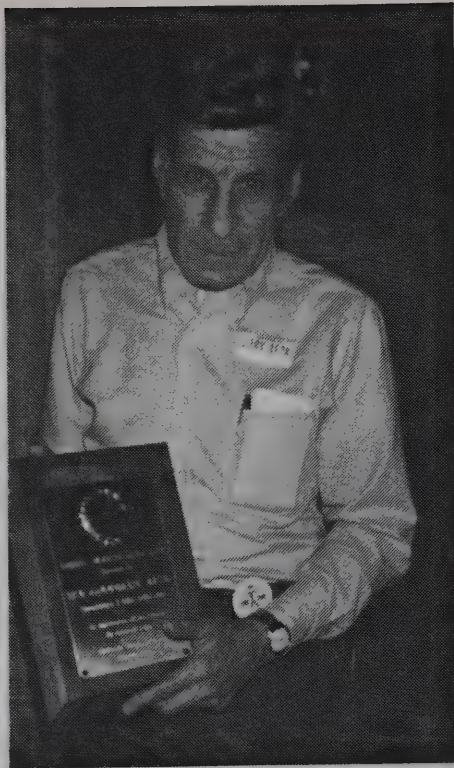
In his "Never Say Die" column in May, Wayne Green asks for input from the readers as to whether or not 73 should run a classified ad from our gay and lesbian ham radio club. The readers might find the following information about our club useful in considering the question.

The purpose of Lambda Amateur Radio Club is to provide its members with opportunities for friendship, promote good fellowship, provide support and technical assistance, and facilitate enjoyment of the hobby. We are also dedicated to providing public service and promoting the amateur radio service.

Our club has assisted individuals in obtaining their tickets and helped inactive hams rekindle their interest. Our club is international, with 112 members in the US, Canada, and the United Kingdom. We publish a monthly newsletter containing technical and human interest articles, and we maintain a lending library of study materials for those wishing to obtain an amateur radio license or upgrade. We sponsor member nets which encourage members to operate in a variety of modes, and we sponsor an awards program with certificates for proficiency.

We wish to advertise in 73 simply to reach other individuals who might be interested in our club. Our club shares at least two important goals in common with all concerned amateurs: adding as many new hams as possible, and strengthening the amateur radio service. Last year, we increased our club membership by 60 percent, in spite of the fact that we have not been permitted to publicize our existence in mainstream amateur radio publications. We are confident that we can do our part to turn around the decline in our hobby if we're given a chance.

Jim Kelly KK3K, President
Lambda Amateur Radio Club
Philadelphia PA 19130



Dayton Photo Gallery

Top left: Jim (KK3K) receives LARC's "Top-Op" award for earning the most endorsements during the past year under LARC's Award Program.

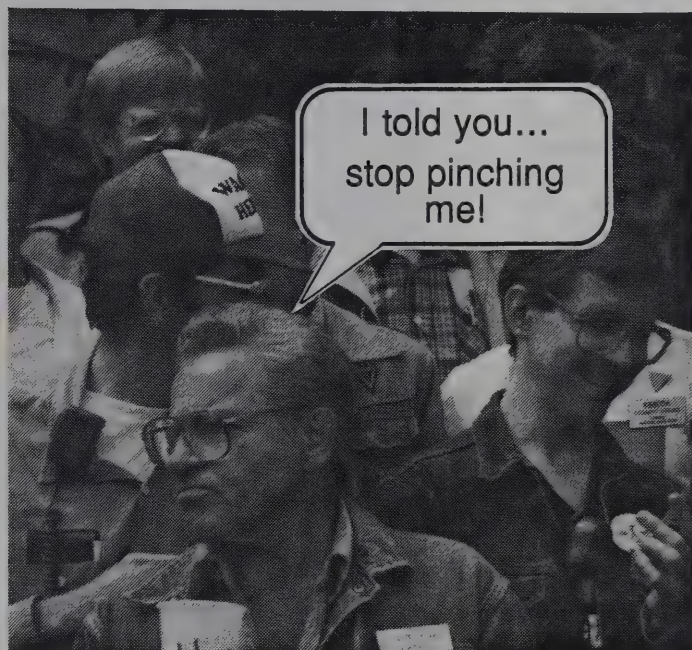
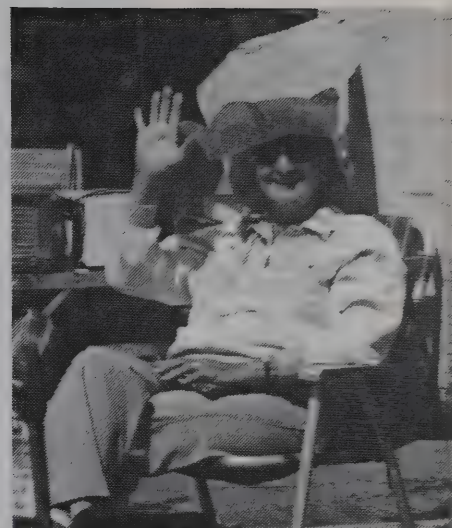
Top center: Irv (AF2K) receives award in recognition of the many contributions he has made over the years to the club.

Top right: Leonard (KB8DOA)

Left center: Important meeting with Wayne Green on floor of Hamvention. From left: Bob (KA8UHL), Don (WB6LYI), Jim (KK3K), Mark (WA1SEY), Wayne, Brian DeWitt.

Left: LARC members gather in Tom (K14ZN) and Dick's "Hospitality Suite" after a long day at the Hamvention. From left: Bob (NS2V), Dale (WA0CFQ), Brian DeWitt, Bill (K9AT), Jim (KK3K), Mark (KC3XC), and Duane (K4UW).

Above: Roy (WB3LFI) and Larry (WB9LOZ).



News, Views, and ...

Top right: The only "bag lady" seen at Dayton!

Top left: Jim (KK3K) conducting the annual business meeting at Dayton. From left: Don (WB6LYI), LARC Vice President; Jim, LARC President; Tom (K14ZN), LARC Treasurer and Awards Program Administrator; and Bob (KA8UHL), LARC Secretary.

Below: Old and new members alike spend much time at Dayton getting to know each other. From left: Bill (K9AT), Julie (N3FNI) and her husband, Mike (NG3M).



Dinner Gathering!
Some of the early
bird LARC members
met at Casa Lupita
for a welcome dinner
and opportunity to get
re-acquainted and
meet new members.

Left: Bob (KA8UHL)
Bob (NS2V)
Leonard
(KB8DOA)
Don (WB6LYI)
Jim (KK3K)
Duane (K4UW)
Charlie (WA4ITY)
Tom (K14ZN)

Photo by Nick
(KA1MQX)



LAMBDA NET SCHEDULES

TRANS-ATLANTIC SCHEDULE

| | | | | | |
|-----|-----|-------|----------|----------|------------|
| SSB | Sun | 1400Z | All Year | NOVICES! | 28.425 MHz |
| SSB | Sun | 1415Z | All Year | | 21.425 MHz |
| CW | Sun | 1815Z | All Year | NOVICES! | 21.145 MHz |

NATIONAL SCHEDULES

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|-----|-----|-------|----------|----------|------------|
| SSB | Sun | 1900Z | All Year | | 14.325 MHz |
| SSB | Sun | 1930Z | All Year | | 21.425 MHz |
| SSB | Sun | 2000Z | All Year | NOVICES! | 28.425 MHz |

EASTERN SCHEDULES

| | | | | | |
|------|-----|-------------------|--|--|-----------|
| RTTY | Tue | 8:00pm Local Time | | | 3.630 MHz |
| SSB | Thu | 6:30pm Local Time | | | 3.860 MHz |
| | | 6:40pm Local Time | | | 7.235 MHz |

(The sked will meet where conditions are best.)

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|-----|-----|--------------------|----------|-----------|
| CW | Sun | 11:00am Local Time | NOVICES! | 7.140 MHz |
| SSB | Sun | 9:45pm Local Time | | 3.860 MHz |

WESTERN SCHEDULES

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|-----|-----|-------------------|--|-----------|
| CW | Mon | 5:30pm Local Time | | 7.094 MHz |
| SSB | Sun | 2:00pm Local Time | | 7.280 MHz |

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Lambda Net News

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Net Newsbits

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

LARC Welcomes Sixth U.K. Member

Our newest members is James Dingwall (G4ILW). James brings our total membership in the United Kingdom to six. He lives in Newcastle, in northeast England, and he lives close to, and is a friend of Stuart (G0BEV) who is also a LARC member. James had not been very active in ham radio before Stuart told him about LARC. Now, James is a regular on the LARC trans-Atlantic nets with a fine signal. James' station includes an ICOM IC-735, an assortment of dipoles and verticals, and he plans to put up a beam this summer. He is operational on all bands and enjoys CW, SSB, AMTOR, and RTTY. He is very interested in establishing message forwarding routes between the USA and UK using AMTOR and Packet, and he would like to see the club continue to expand its membership in Europe. He works for the Apple Computer Company and his home computers include an Apple Macintosh with a 20MB hard drive and a VIC-20 modified for AMTOR. His packet BBS is GB7TVM.

St. Louis Chapter A Possibility

Jim (KK3K) visited St. Louis, Missouri in connection with a paper that his lover, Dan, was presenting at a conference of college professors held during the weekend of April 8-9, 1989. St. Louis LARC members Gordon (WB5OYL), Bob ((W0EKM), and Bob (WA0S) greeted Jim and Dan and one of Dan's colleagues, Arlene, and the group enjoyed a delicious brunch at Balaban's Cafe. Also present was Dennis, Bob's (WA0S) lover. Bob suggested that St. Louis LARC members get together for socials in the future and all agreed that this sounded like a good idea. Perhaps this will be the start of a LARC chapter in St. Louis. Jim and Dan would like to thank the LARC members in St. Louis for the warm welcome and the hospitality extended

to us during our visit. It made our trip to the Gateway City even more fun!

LARC Members In Trans-Atlantic AMTOR Contact

LARC members James (G4ILW) and Jim (KK3K) had a half-hour long trans-Atlantic contact on AMTOR ARQ mode on Sunday, April 16th. The contact was proposed by James during the trans-Atlantic CW schedule at 1815 UTC on 21.425 MHz. Contact was established and maintained in spite of the fact that conditions were difficult even for CW copy and, incredibly, James was running only 5 watts on AMTOR! This certainly proves that AMTOR ARQ mode, which is error-free radio teletype, is a super efficient and reliable way for two stations to communicate with each other. During the contact, Jim sent a message for Stuart (G0BEV) to James via AMTOR and James used his computer to interface and dump the text of the message onto the UK packet network for Stuart. James advises that third party traffic is not a problem in the UK and the packet bulletin boards are full of messages from stateside and European stations. James and Jim are very interested in using AMTOR mailboxes, such as the G3PLX mailbox in the UK, so that LARC members can pass messages across the Atlantic on a regular basis. Since AMTOR is much more popular in Europe than the US, LARC stations stateside will need to learn operating techniques and experiment to determine best times for propagation in order to establish this proposed path for messages.

Welcome New Members

James Dingwall (G4ILW), 48 Albermarle Avenue, Jesmond, Newcastle, Tyne & Wear NE2 3NQ, England

Fred Pence (W4LDG), 116 Sequoia Drive, Newtown, PA 18940

Help Wayne Help LARC!

In the May issue of 73 Amateur Radio magazine, Wayne asks in his column if his publication should accept advertising from a gay ham radio club. Of course, the answer is YES! Our response should be positive and immediate if we are to take advantage of this unprecedented opportunity. Here's why:

This is a critical and historical opportunity for LARC. It's our chance to change perceptions about us. It's a chance to show the ARRL they were wrong when they rejected our ad. We need your help! Our response will serve to offset any unfavorable mail and will reinforce our arguments in favor of LARC.

If you can, write your own letter, stating in your own words the positive things about LARC. Or, you can use the sample letter enclosed to express your opinion. Your own letter will be more forceful, but no response is the worst response. Please mail a letter today!

LARC Awards Plaque To AF2K

LARC officers and members presented a special plaque to Irv (AF2K) at the LARC Banquet on Saturday, April 29, 1989. The plaque was awarded in recognition of the many fine efforts that Irv has made over the years on behalf of the club. The plaque measures 9x12 inches and is walnut with the club logo mounted on a medallion attached to a bronze plate with the following inscription:

"Presented to Irv Goodman, AF2K, Secretary, LARC, 1987-1989, in appreciation of his efforts on behalf of LARC, Saturday, April 29, 1989, Dayton, Ohio"

Irv was genuinely surprised to receive the award and thanked the membership for the honor bestowed upon him.



President's Key

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

The "NO-CODE" license controversy refuses to die and it has recently been brought back to the forefront by several individuals and groups, including the TAPR, the Tucson packet radio group, and W5YI, who produces the W5YI Report and is heavily involved in the VEC (Volunteer Examining Coordinator) program. The TAPR group has voted to petition the FCC for a no-code license, and they hope that the ARRL will pick up the ball and run with it later. The ARRL appointed a committee to study the matter. The committee has recommended a no-code license class be established with certain requirements and limitations. However, the board of the ARRL will not consider the report until the next board meeting in June. According to a recent poll conducted by CQ magazine, a majority of hams now favor a no-code license. As I understand one no-code proposal, the new entry-level license would carry voice privileges only on amateur bands above 30 MHz, and only within a small segment of 2 meters. International agreement still mandates a code requirement for licenses which grant voice operating privileges below 30 MHz. Another proposal I have heard about calls for a new "apprentice" class of license with voice privileges above 30 MHz and no code requirement. It calls for a phase out of the Novice license and the apprentice class license would be good for 10 years and non-renewable. Is it finally time to press for a no-code license? If implemented, would the no-code license solve the problems to amateur radio? No one can say with certainty. However, we can pinpoint those elements of a disaster-in-the-making for amateur radio which is leading some to look toward no-code as at least a partial answer to the dilemma we face as amateurs. The problem is this: the amateur radio service is not expanding noticeably, the amateur population is aging, the amateur radio service is not attracting young people, the amateur radio service can no longer claim to be a training ground for wartime radio operators or future engineers, we are not using much of our valuable spectrum, and big business interests want many of our frequency allocations real bad. The result: we will lose more and more chunks of allotted spectrum, like what happened to us with 220, unless we do something to turn things around. But, is no-code the answer ... will it even help? According to a report I heard recently, an FCC official predicted hard times ahead for hams, and said that the FCC is responsive to the dollar sign arguments made by businesses who would like our frequencies. He has also said that the FCC is responsive to large numbers of people, and that we amateurs will need to mobilize and increase our ranks dramatically if we are to win some of the future battles to be fought over our portions of the radio spectrum. I heard an interview with W5YI who said that the no-code license could be expected to add large numbers to the ranks of US hams, and that this increase in the sheer number of hams would indeed help us do battle to preserve our bands. There are over a million hams in Japan where they have a no-code license. Sounds like a real quick fix, doesn't it? But what about the other issues involved with no-code: lowering of standards, preservation of the amateur tradition of CW, the old "I had to do it, so should you!" argument, as well as those who suggest alternative ways of boosting our ranks? There are arguments against no-code that can be made, but I'm of the opinion that it's time has come! de KK3K

LARC Does PR Blitz In Dayton!

During the Dayton Hamvention, LARC members Jim (KK3K), Don (WB6LYI), Bob (KA8UHL), and Brian DeWitt distributed a special flyer designed to publicize LARC and explain the club's goals and purposes. We met with officials of all of the major amateur radio publications, including the ARRL, Ham Radio, 73, CQ, and Worldradio. The responses we got were overwhelmingly positive and gratifying!

As a result of our efforts, Hap Holly (KC9RP) of the Radio Amateur's Information Network (RAIN) decided to do two interviews with Bob Laycock (KA8UHL) on the topics of LARC and gay hams. The interviews were taped on Wednesday evening, May 3rd. These interviews were broadcast on HF over the International Amateur Radio Network (IARN) a total of 113 times per week.

We have been working hard for the opportunity to advertise in the straight ham radio publications to reach new members. These interviews represent a tremendous opportunity for us to plead our case that LARC is a legitimate ham radio club and should be allowed to take our rightful place in the ham radio community.

If you have not already do so, get a copy of the May issue of 73 Magazine. Wayne Green made good on his promise to tackle the subject of gay hams in his "Never Say Die" column. In his column, Wayne asks readers if 73 should run our ad! Please write the editor of 73 and say "YES!" This is a very important opportunity for us and we need EVERYONE to respond now to be successful.

32 Members Attend Dayton '89

All previous attendance records were smashed at Dayton this year as 32 LARC members enjoyed the 1989 Dayton Hamvention during the weekend of April 28-30.

Present this were LARC members Tom (KI4ZN), Duane (K4UW), Nick (KA1MQX), Howard (W9BVD), Jim (KK3K), Don (WB6LYI), Mark (WA1SEY), Dale (WA0CFQ), Harry (N2CJM), Larry (WB9LOZ), Bill

(K9AT), Bob (NG2P), Bob (KA8UHL), Brian DeWitt, Leonard (WB8DOA), Larry (NU4B), Bob (NS2V), Rick (WM2D), Dick (K3AKK), Charlie (WA4ITY), Vic (WB5MEI), John (W3IWL), Irv (AF2K), Bill (KA8TZX), Gordon (WB5OYL), Kim (WB8ROE), Dave (WD8IKB), Hershel (WA0MBC), Julie (N4FNI), Mike (NG3M), and Roy (WB3LFI).

Most of the members arrived a day early this year and all rooms at LARC Hamvention Headquarters at the Econo-Lodge were utilized. A large contingent of members kicked off the weekend by having drinks in Tom (KI4ZN) and Dick Ramey's room, which became the official LARC Hospitality Suite again this year. This was followed by dinner together at the

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Joseph Costa (N2HGZ), 315 Helms Avenue, Swedesboro, NJ 08085

Member Correspondence

Richard Bowman-Brown (KA7FYC) writes that "the change in rules to allow techies to do voice on 10 meters ... the rise in the sunspot count ... and the LARC Sunday sked on 28.425" provided him with the motivation to purchase his new 10 meter mobile rig and get on the air from Missoula, Montana. Richard is running one of the new Uniden HR-2510 10 meter mobile rigs and he has checked-in to the LARC Sunday afternoon nets. He has had a few problems with the Uniden, but he should be back on the air before long. Listen for KA7FYC on the LARC Sunday 10 meter net!

Pete (G4ORX) just purchased a new dual band (2m/70cm) HT. He takes it to work occasionally as there is a 70cm repeater close to his office. Pete is still having construction work done to his home, so he will be able to operate portable only for the time being. Pete and Petey enjoyed a long weekend in Amsterdam in April and plan to return again in May.

Congratulations to John Kent (N2JFD) on his recent upgrade and brand new call sign!

LARC In The News

A press release announcing LARC activities in Dayton was mailed to selected gay and non-gay publications and individuals, including the ARRL,

Dayton Hamvention, and 73 magazine officials in March. This information was picked up by at least two publications that we know of so far, one in Philadelphia and the other in Chicago.

LARC Mailbox

"Make new friends from the Philippines! Send name, address and personal information to: Worldfriends Correspondence Club, 38 Victoria Street, Magallanes Village, Makati, Philippines"

Manny Espinola, President of the Worldfriends Correspondence Club writes: "We are a group of young Filipino gay students who are curious about other gays from other countries. We saw your [LARC] ad in an old copy of The Advocate and, although we are far from ready to engage in the activities advertised in that magazine, we are ready to exchange ideas and establish connections with other men who may be interested about the Philippines ... who knows, one of these days you'll have the means to visit our country — having prior connections here would make you less of strangers."

Calls Heard Recently

SSB: KA7FYC, WA0CFQ, N2CJM, WM2D, KA1MQX/W1MX, KI4ZN, K4UW, AF2K, W9BVD, KK3K, K3ATI, WB6LYI, WB5MEI, W4VIW, N5HEG

CW: WA0CFQ, WA0S, G4ILW, KK3K, WM2D

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Red Lobster Restaurant on Thursday evening.

On Friday morning, several members had an early breakfast and then made their way to the site of the Hamvention flea market. Unfortunately, there were sprinkles of light rain at times during the weekend and Friday morning was one of those times. Members of the LARC Executive Committee met at the Econo-Lodge to discuss various items of club business prior to the full membership meeting scheduled for Saturday evening. The exhibit halls at the Hara Arena opened at noon on Friday and most LARC members joined the thousands of other hams enjoying both the indoor and outdoor

activities underway. The usual gathering at Tom and Dick's "Hospitality Suite" took place on the return from the Hamvention late Friday. In the evening, another large group of LARC members went to dinner at Casa Lupita, a favorite Mexican Restaurant.

This year a new indoor exhibit area was added to the convention facilities. The large room is very well lit and spacious. It housed the Yaesu booth, the Dayton Amateur Radio Association van, and many other booths and exhibitors. Unfortunately, it was built on the spot where LARC traditionally took its group photo, so we needed to find another nearby spot with some greenery to take our picture

Jim (KK3K) Wins 1989 LARC "Top-Op" Award

The winner of the 1989 LARC "Top-Op Award" is club President Jim (KK3K). The award is presented to the individual who earns the most endorsements during the year under the LARC "Worked All Membership" awards program. Club Treasurer and Awards Program Administrator, Tom (KI4ZN) presented a plaque to Jim at the LARC Banquet on Saturday, April 29th, at Dayton. Jim accepted the award and encouraged the membership to participate in the LARC Awards Program during the coming year.

Photo Issue Coming Next!

The next issue of the NEWS should have all of the photos that were taken at Dayton and on various trips. There were quite a few photographers in our group this year, so the variety of pictures is truly outstanding. Be sure and look for the next issue.

NEWS Delayed

This issue was delayed coming to you due to the installation of a new computer system to publish the NEWS. Details coming soon!

on Saturday. We did locate a suitable spot outside the exhibit halls and near the flea market for our photo session. Again, we prevailed upon a handsome young man to take our photo. Almost all of our members in Dayton did make it for the picture, but a final count will have to be made after the rolls of film are developed.

Saturday evening, most members made their way back to the Econo-Lodge in plenty of time for the social hour hosted by Tom and Dick, held prior to our annual LARC business meeting. At 6 p.m., members convened in the conference room at the Econo-Lodge for the meeting. For the next hour and a half, members

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listened to presentations by the LARC club officers, approved three resolutions, and had the opportunity to ask questions and discuss various topics of interest to members. After the meeting was adjourned, 32 members carpooled to Anticelli's Restaurant for our Annual LARC Banquet. The atmosphere was festive and all enjoyed the dinner and after-dinner festivities which included the presentation of a special plaque to Irv (AF2K) for his efforts on behalf of the club, and the "Top-Op Award" given to Jim (KK3K). A raffle to benefit the LARC treasury was also

held. Prizes were awarded to Dale (WA0CFQ) and Leonard (WB8DOA).

On Sunday, many members checked out of the Econo-Lodge before heading for the Hamvention. The weather was good and the rain had ended. Crowds were light on Sunday, perhaps as light as any we have seen any year at the Hamvention, but our members enjoyed the flea market and the indoor exhibits all the more. Some of the members remained for the prize drawings which got underway at 2 p.m., but unfortunately, LARC had no prize winners this year.

With so many new faces attending the Hamvention this year, LARC

members enjoyed informal late evening get-togethers back at the hotel rooms in lieu of visiting the local bars. It was really great to meet our old friends again, as well as those whom we met for the first time. Everyone seemed to really enjoy spending time getting to know our fellow LARC members. As our members left to return home on Sunday, the phrase "see you next year at Dayton!" was repeated many times by LARC members who had obviously enjoyed their trip to the Hamvention. See you next year at Dayton!

LAMBDA NET SCHEDULES

TRANS-ATLANTIC SCHEDULE

| | | | | | |
|-----|-----|-------|----------|----------|------------|
| SSB | Sun | 1400Z | All Year | NOVICES! | 28.425 MHz |
| SSB | Sun | 1415Z | All Year | | 21.425 MHz |
| CW | Sun | 1815Z | All Year | NOVICES! | 21.145 MHz |

NATIONAL SCHEDULES

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|-----|-----|-------|----------|----------|------------|
| SSB | Sun | 1900Z | All Year | | 14.325 MHz |
| SSB | Sun | 1930Z | All Year | | 21.425 MHz |
| SSB | Sun | 2000Z | All Year | NOVICES! | 28.425 MHz |

EASTERN SCHEDULES

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|------|-----|-------------------|--|--|-----------|
| RTTY | Tue | 8:00pm Local Time | | | 3.630 MHz |
| SSB | Thu | 6:30pm Local Time | | | 3.860 MHz |
| | | 6:40pm Local Time | | | 7.235 MHz |

(The sked will meet where conditions are best.)

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|-----|-----|--------------------|----------|--|-----------|
| CW | Sun | 11:00am Local Time | NOVICES! | | 7.140 MHz |
| SSB | Sun | 9:45pm Local Time | | | 3.860 MHz |

WESTERN SCHEDULES

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|-----|-----|-------------------|--|--|-----------|
| CW | Mon | 5:30pm Local Time | | | 7.094 MHz |
| SSB | Sun | 2:00pm Local Time | | | 7.280 MHz |

(All schedules are + or - QRM)

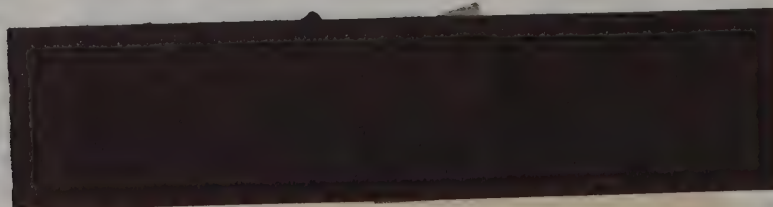
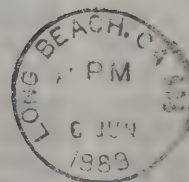
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• SPECIAL DAYTON HAMVENTION ISSUE •

LARC Serves 14 Years

The Lambda Amateur Radio Club (LARC) is an international organization of gay and lesbian Amateur Radio Operators, short wave radio listeners, and persons interested in radio. The club was founded in June 1975 by a gay American ham who advertised in a national publication seeking to meet other gays and lesbians with an interest in ham radio. The club grew slowly and operated informally until 1984, when an aggressive campaign was launched to seek out new members and to publicize the existence of the club. Membership consisted of about two dozen persons in the U.S. and Canada. Since 1984, membership has increased to over 125 in the U.S., Canada, and the United Kingdom and is beginning to grow rapidly as more gay and lesbian hams learn about the club. Most LARC members are licensed hams.

The Lambda Amateur Radio Club is a service-oriented club formed by and for gay and lesbian hams. During 1986, LARC members adopted a Constitution & Bylaws which set forth the purposes and goals of the club:

1. To offer club membership, benefits, and a sense of community to gay men and lesbians who share a common interest in Amateur Radio;
2. To promote friendship and good fellowship;
3. To provide mutual help and support to members;
4. To conduct an ongoing outreach program to reach gay and lesbian amateur radio operators and assist interested gays and lesbians into the Amateur Radio Service;
5. To provide public service;

6. To promote the Amateur Radio Service.

LARC members elect club officers for a term of two years.

LARC activities consist of on-the-air meetings of the members several times a week on various shortwave bands utilizing voice, Morse code, digital and other modes of communication. In addition, the club publishes a monthly newsletter, the "Lambda Net News." Club members are encouraged to correspond and help each other. They gather at various local events of interest to hams, such as computer conventions or hamfests. Once a year, the club conducts an official business meeting at the Dayton Hamvention, the largest amateur radio convention in the world. This year, over 30 LARC members and friends have travelled to Dayton from all over the U.S. to attend.

LARC members are proud of the accomplishments of the club and its members over the past several years. The club has been instrumental in aiding persons to obtain their Amateur Radio Licenses. The club has successfully encouraged inactive amateurs to again become active in the hobby. Several LARC members are active participants in pioneering technical advancements in the hobby in the realm of digital communications and packet radio. LARC members have formed local chapters to promote the club at the local level and members continue to express an interest in forming additional chapters. One of the most significant benefits of having local chapters the public service they provide to their community.

Member Services

LARC Lending Library

LARC continues to offer FREE licensing study materials to its members. Simply check out the item of interest and go for the new ticket! Just drop a note to the Club P.O. Box and make your request.

LARC Awards Program

Winding up its first full year of awards activity, the LARC Awards Program has issued a number of beautiful blue and gold certificates. Just contact other members of LARC and jot down the information on the log sheet provided. Mail the filled in log sheet to the Awards Coordinator and the certificate is yours!

Local Chapters

Begun more than two years ago, local chapters of LARC offer local support, assistance, and fun. Some chapters schedule frequent outings to areas of local interest, plan dinners, help in public service activities ... you name it and someone's doing it!

International Members

LARC membership continues to grow overseas with an expanding membership in England. A regular weekly schedule has been established to US LARC members to rag-chew with their UK counterparts.

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LNN is the official publication of LARC and serves its members by providing articles of interest to the membership on a monthly basis.

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President's Key

By Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

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I love amateur radio, but I'm not proud of some of the prejudicial attitudes exhibited by some among us. We could and should do things differently. — de KK3K

LARC Service

Looking to the future, LARC will become more visible in the gay and lesbian community and the amateur radio community. Appearances at community and public service events at which members provide communications assistance are planned. An outreach effort to the international community is anticipated. The continued growth of the club will be beneficial to the Amateur Radio Service.

"Gays and lesbians will strive to make positive contributions to the

Amateur Radio Service," said Jim Kelly, President of LARC, "while extending a helping hand to those who need our support. We seek to encourage technical interest, fraternal association, and assistance in getting licensed or upgraded. Our club works hard to serve its members in concert with the goals of the Amateur Radio Service. It is a success because we continue to serve the needs of our members."

Members

Regular features are Net Newbits, President's Key, *** CONNECTED, and various articles contributed by members. These stories cover technical subjects, packet radio, travel experiences, and other subjects of interest. The annual Special Issue follows the Dayton Hamvention. It reports on the activities at Dayton and covers the annual business meeting conducted by LARC during the Hamvention.

Big LARC Turn Out

The Dayton Hamvention will play host to thousands of hams from around the world, all gathered together in the spirit of goodwill and friendship. Among those will be more than thirty members of the Lambda Amateur Radio Club, who will convene for their annual business meeting during the Hamvention. Of course, LARC members will be enjoying the festive atmosphere found every year in Dayton.

LARC Draws Attention

As LARC service activities continue, so too does the press coverage of our activities. LARC has received coverage from publications in San Diego, Los Angeles, Seattle, Sacramento (CA), Kansas City, San Jose (CA), Philadelphia, and London, England.

Jim, LARC President, recently did a telephone interview with radio station WXPB-FM in Philadelphia about the club's activities.

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Mr. Bryan Hastings
Editor In Chief
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Dear Mr. Hastings:

YES! I believe 73 Amateur Radio should accept the advertising of any amateur radio club. Whether the group is straight or gay is irrelevant. As long as any group is working to promote the Amateur Radio Service and increase the ranks of the amateur population, they should be permitted to do so by advertising for members in any appropriate publication.

Very truly yours,

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By Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

LARC International Contacts Continue

On Sunday, March 27th, Irv (AF2K) and Jim (KK3K) had an enjoyable 45 minute SSB contact with James (G4ILW) and Brian (GM0KWL) on 15 meters. Later in the day Jim (KK3K) and James (G4ILW) had a rag-chew on 15 meter CW that lasted for entire hour! During these contacts, the following expanded LARC international skeds were established:

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| Old | 1500Z | | 28.425 |
| New | 1400Z | Novices! | 28.425 |
| | 1415Z | | 21.425 |
| Add | 1815Z | Novices! | 21.145 |

Dayton 1989 Express!

The 1989 Dayton Hamvention will be attended by a large contingent of LARC members from across the country. As many as 30 LARC members and guests are set to convene in Dayton during the last weekend in April for the Hamvention. Look for a full report on LARC activities at the Hamvention in a future issue of the NEWS.

Renewals — Final Reminder!

Pending renewals, we now have 105 active members in LARC. Fourteen (14) members have not renewed as yet for 1989. Please send in your renewal form now if you have not do so and would like to continue to receive the newsletter. Deadline for renewals was January 31, 1989.

IARN News Broadcasts

The International Amateur Radio Network with headquarters in Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918, broadcasts 45 minutes of news and features of interest to hams on the

following frequencies: 3.975, 14.275, and 28.475 daily at the following times: 1200, 1400, 1800, and 2200 UTC. Their broadcasts are interesting because they present an alternative point of view to that of the ARRL. Also, the broadcast times seem more often and more convenient than the voice bulletins of the ARRL. This organization was involved in the relief effort for the Armenian earthquake and reportedly has signed an agreement with Soviet authorities for cooperation between U.S. and Russian hams in future emergencies. Apparently they were acting while the ARRL was dozing! Their broadcasts include news, interviews, and editorials on a wide range of topics of interest to hams. The no-code issue has received a good deal of attention lately. Why not tune in and hear what these hams have to say about it and other issues of interest to us?

Welcome New Members

Rick Guertin (WM2D) lives in New York City. Rick enjoys skiing, hiking, sailing, the beach, movies, and classical music in addition to amateur radio.

Member Correspondence

Ralph Samuelson, formerly N6SVG, has been issued the new Extra Class call AA6MO. Congratulations on the fancy new call, Ralph!

Rev. Julie Haladay (N3FNI) was honored as a minister to perform her first Holy Union for two local women. The Union almost did not get off the ground as finding a church to hold it was difficult. Dinner followed at a local restaurant and the evening was

capped by a trip to Allentown for dancing.

Pen-Pal Request

The following letter was received at the LARC post office box recently:

"Hello. I am Polish gay. I have 30 years old. Lonely, sincere, would like to hear from other gay males of the ages 18-40 years old from all over the world and USA/Canada or Mexico. Please write to me English language or Polish, Russian. I like gay who thin and masculine, but not macho! I am teacher in grammar school. I have blond hair, blue eyes, 175cm tall and 65kg weight. I am good looking. Please help me meet gay friends. Thank you. Yours truly, Derek."

Derek is apparently not a ham ... yet! For anyone wishing to write Derek, his address is: Derek Mielnik, P.O. Box 135, 11-400 Ketrzyn, Poland.

Golden Gate Chapter News

The GGC held a brunch for members on Saturday, March 25th. Plans are underway again for the Chapter to provide communications for the AIDS Bike-A-Thon to be held on May 13th. Chapter members Ralph (AA6MO) will be riding in the Bike-A-Thon and plans to operate bicycle mobile. He plans to ride 60 miles and he is looking for LARC members to pledge money for each contact he makes! The Chapter plans a trip to the San Francisco Zoo for April. According to GGC newsletter editor Ralph (AA6MO), "there we will give the many animals the pleasure of watching us engage in a variety of unique and little understood

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CW: K4UW, KK3K, KC3XC, WA0CFQ, WA0S, GM0KWL, G4ILW

Sending In Your News

I am periodically asked how readers can prepare their story or idea all ready to go for inclusion in the NEWS. Here's my preferences:

Diskette: It must be an IBM-PC compatible 360K format floppy. I prefer files made with WordPerfect 4.2 or 5.0 (please specify) or plain ASCII text files.

CompuServe: Send an EasyPlex message to account 75166,2506. I'll download it and take care of the details.

Hardcopy: Of course, you can just send in your notes and I'll write the story for you.

Don't Send: Stories by packet radio yet. I expect to be able to add that ability soon.

Mail to: Don Bledsoe, P.O. Box 91299, Long Beach, CA 90809.

Report From Dallas

By Charlie Reavis (K9PVS/5, Dallas, TX)

Once again I have moved. I have been in Dallas since December 26, 1988 and I am enjoying it very much. I am now working at the corporate headquarters of Sound Warehouse, Inc. It is a retail chain with over 120 stores in 14 states. I am the buyer for classical music CDs, cassettes, videos, and just a few LPs still. Previously, I worked on the retail floor in four Sound Warehouse stores in Dallas, San Antonio, and Houston.

Of these three major Texas cities, I like Dallas the best. To me, it's the most alive and friendliest of them all. Houston, was the only place I encountered overt homophobia. San Antonio was just a little bit too laid back and mellow. I have been going out to the bars here in Dallas and I can't believe how friendly the young hunks are. I'm 43 and I appreciate that. I could sit in a bar for hours in Houston and not get the time of day from anyone. So, Dallas is great!

Right now the ham station consists of an NGC 10 watt, 15 meter transceiver. I have a dipole stapled to the wall of my apartment and it gets out pretty well now that the sunspots are getting better. I'm planning to buy a 10 meter transceiver I've been looking at. I also plan to go mobile on 10 as well as use it at the home QTH.

I don't get on the air much. Usually I will make a couple of CW QSOs on Saturday morning and

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PACKET RADIO: An Introduction

By Larry Kenney (WB9LOZ, San Francisco, CA), LARC Packet Radio Coordinator

Packet Radio is the latest major development to hit the world of Amateur Radio. If you haven't already been caught by the "packet bug", you're probably wondering what it's all about and why so many people are so excited about it. Well, continue reading, because you're about to find out.

Packet seems to offer something different from other facets of Amateur Radio, yet it can be used for everything from a local QSO to a DX contact 2500 miles away (on 2 meters!), for electronic mail, message transmission, emergency communications, or just plain tinkering in the world of digital communications. It presents a new challenge for those tired of the QRM on the low bands, a new mode for those already on FM, and a better, faster means of message handling for those on RTTY. Packet is for the rag chewer, the traffic handler, the experimenter, and the casual operator.

A ham can get involved very easily with relatively small out-of-pocket expenses. All you need is a 2-meter transceiver, a computer or terminal, and a TNC. You probably already have the two meter rig and a computer of some kind, so all you need to buy is the TNC, which costs just over \$100. The TNC is the Terminal Node Controller, the little black box that's wired between the computer and the radio. It acts very much like a modem when connecting a computer to the phone lines. It converts the data from the computer into AFSK tones for transmission and changes the tones received by the radio into data for the computer. It's a simple matter of wiring up a plug and a couple jacks to become fully operational.

Packet is communications between people either direct or indirect. You can work keyboard to keyboard or use electronic mailboxes or bulletin board systems to leave messages. Due to the error checking by the TNC, all of it is error free, too. (That is, as error free as the person at the keyboard types it.) As the data is received it's continuously checked

for errors, and it isn't accepted unless it's correct. You don't miss the information if it has errors, however, because the information is resent again. I'll go into how this is accomplished in a later part of this series.

The data that is to be transmitted is collected in the TNC and sent as bursts, or packets, of information; hence the name. Each packet has the call sign or address of who it's going to, who it's coming from and the route between the two stations included, along with the data and error checking. Since up to 256 characters can be included in each packet, more than three lines of text can be sent in a matter of a couple seconds. There is plenty of time between packets for many stations to be using the same frequency at the same time, and all using the same repeater. The repeaters, known as digipeaters, are simplex operations and occupy a single frequency, as opposed to the common two-frequency repeaters used for voice communications. You can link from digipeater to digipeater, too, extending your range tremendously. I've worked twelve states on 2-meters with packet, all with a ten watt rig, thanks to this linking capability.

If all of this sounds confusing, don't let it bother you, because that little black box, the TNC, does everything for you automatically. Packet might seem very confusing at first, but in a day or two you're in there with the best of them. In future parts of this series, I'll be telling you more about packet--how you get on the air, how to use it to your best advantage, and ways to improve your operation. We'll even talk about that little black box, the TNC, and tell you about all its inner-most secrets.

(Thanks to K4CEF and Westlink Report for providing "POINTS TO PONDER ABOUT PACKET - FOR THE NON-PACKETEER" in their November 14, 1986 issue. I've used information from that article in this column.)

Keep Hopin'!

By Bob Laycock (K8BUHL, Cleveland, OH)

I guess the motto is "Never give up hope." Jim Kelly's (KK3K) article on indoor antennas might have been perfectly timed for me.

After the "jerk faction," as I enjoy calling them, took over the Board of the non-profit neighborhood group I worked for, I resigned to take a new job with the City of Cleveland. It's a good job with their Department of Community Development. I started almost immediately to worry about my station. You see, I live in the suburb of Cleveland Heights and the city requires that I move into Cleveland proper ... or be fired!

I've enjoyed a unique operating advantage here. My landlord has allowed me to mount my 2 meter and Butternut HF antennas on top of this four-story apartment building, some 80 feet up. It's been an ideal situation, even if I am rarely heard on the Sunday 10 meter net! Working Poland on 5 watts has assured me that everything really does work okay.

Even before I knew I had the new job, I started thinking of ways I might get out of moving. City Council, it seems, does grant waivers in special circumstances. So, I got hold of a copy of Public Law 100-594, signed by Reagan last year praising amateur radio and urging local governments to take into account its "valuable contributions." Armed with this document, my plan was to go to some friends on the Council and plead my case.

I eventually decided this would be politically awkward, so I resigned myself to moving. While most people seek apartments based on bedrooms or proximity to the bus line, I sought a roof on which to perch my antennas!

Marconi must have been with me because I found a new apartment on Cleveland's west side in what Brian DeWitt humorously calls "Homo Heights" because of the large open lesbian and gay population. The landlord barely blinked an eye at my mention of ham radio and added a written clause in the lease granting my permission to mount my two antennas!

Now, I definitely have no excuse not to upgrade!

Dallas

that will be the extent of my hamming for the week.

When I do have time for radio, it's usually SWLing. I cover 10 KHz through 1300 MHz with assorted scanners, converters, and receivers. I also take my Radio Shack PRO-2004 mobile using a magnetic mount CB antenna. A 300 channel scanner is a very interactive radio especially when you're also trying to drive. It's a challenge and a lot of fun. It's fascinating to see how fat I can receive TV sound carriers and National Weather Service stations. I have heard 800 MHz police

repeaters well over 40 miles away while mobile.

I recently joined American Gay Atheists after listening to their phone messages for several years. They have a nice monthly newsletter and, if I ever get the time, I am planning to do an article for them about the addictive nature of religion.

I am also interested in history and philosophy. I do a lot of reading in these areas in my spare time. I also enjoy the Lambda newsletter and it's gratifying to see our club grow. I first got involved when the club was just a list of call letters and occasionally you

might stumble across another Lambda member on 40 CW. We've come a long way since then.

There is a very nice Communications Museum here with historic radio and TV gear, including the microphone Walter Cronkite used on his last regular CBS evening news telecast. The bars in the Oaklawn area are nice. I especially like the Throckmorton Mining Company near Cedar Springs and Throckmorton.

In closing, I hope to someday get to Dayton and meet the gang. If any of you get down to the "Big D" get in touch with me. 73 ... Charlie (K9PVS/5)

LAMBDA NET SCHEDULES

TRANS-ATLANTIC SCHEDULE

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|-----|-----|-------|----------|----------|------------|
| SSB | Sun | 1400Z | All Year | NOVICES! | 28.425 MHz |
| SSB | Sun | 1415Z | All Year | | 21.425 MHz |
| CW | Sun | 1815Z | All Year | NOVICES! | 21.145 MHz |

NATIONAL SCHEDULES

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|-----|-----|-------|----------|----------|------------|
| SSB | Sun | 1900Z | All Year | | 14.325 MHz |
| SSB | Sun | 1930Z | All Year | | 21.425 MHz |
| SSB | Sun | 2000Z | All Year | NOVICES! | 28.425 MHz |

EASTERN SCHEDULES

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|------|-----|-------------------|--|--|-----------|
| RTTY | Tue | 8:00pm Local Time | | | 3.630 MHz |
| SSB | Thu | 6:30pm Local Time | | | 3.860 MHz |
| | | 6:40pm Local Time | | | 7.235 MHz |

(The sked will meet where conditions are best.)

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|-----|-----|--------------------|----------|--|-----------|
| CW | Sun | 11:00am Local Time | NOVICES! | | 7.140 MHz |
| SSB | Sun | 9:45pm Local Time | | | 3.860 MHz |

WESTERN SCHEDULES

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|-----|-----|-------------------|--|--|-----------|
| CW | Mon | 5:30pm Local Time | | | 7.094 MHz |
| SSB | Sun | 2:00pm Local Time | | | 7.280 MHz |

(All schedules are + or - QRM)

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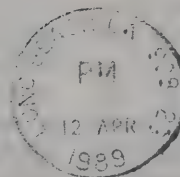
EXPANDED TRANS-ATLANTIC SCHEDULE!

Turn your beam
to the U.K. and
see if you can
make contact
too!

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Net Newsbits

By Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

Final Dayton 1989 Reminder!

The 1989 Dayton Hamvention will be held April 28, 29 & 30th. Already all of our rooms are fully booked! LARC members who plan to attend this year's Hamvention and who wish to stay in one of the extra LARC rooms (if available) must contact our LARC Hamvention Housing Coordinator, Howard (W9BVD) and make their room reservations with him in advance. See you in Dayton!

Renewals

Pending renewals, we now have 104 active members in LARC. Fourteen members have not sent in their renewal form for 1989. Please send in your renewal form if you have not done so and would like to continue to receive the newsletter. Deadline for renewals was January 31, 1989.

Welcome New Members

John Kent (KB2GXG) lives in Hopewell Junction, NY. John just received his ticket and plans to acquire equipment and set up a station soon.

Gary Owen (N6TEQ) lives in San Francisco, CA. He is also a member of the Golden Gate Chapter of LARC.

Bob Bowis (WB4KLJ) lives in Arlington, VA. Bob is an Advanced class ham interested in nature in addition to ham radio. He is a member of the Potomac Chapter of LARC.

Alan Russell (G0IJO) has brought our overseas group total to five members in the U.K. His address is 69 Moor Tower, Harlow, Essex CM18 6BE, England. Alan is a Class A amateur and his other interests include collecting clocks,

especially the 400 day anniversary style mantle clocks.

LARC In The News

The lesbian and gay organization in Columbus, Ohio called the Stonewall Union ran a notice about LARC in their newsletter dated January 1989. Also of interest in the newsletter was the fact that the Mayor of Columbus had just signed a "Statement of Policy" which forbids discrimination against lesbians and gays in city employment. The Columbus City Council also passed an Ethnic Intimidation Ordinance which increased penalties for those convicted of hate crimes against minorities, including lesbians and gays. Congratulations, Columbus!

Windy City LARC member, Roger (KA9FRX), sent in a copy of an article on LARC that ran in Gay Chicago Magazine, issue #1, January 5-15, 1989. The article is a reprint of the excellent article written about LARC by Sandy Dwyer, the publisher and editor of the Los Angeles gay and lesbian newspaper, The News.

Golden Gate Chapter News

The January meeting of the Chapter was well attended with 14 members present. The January social event was also a success with 11 GGC members meeting at The Flying Lady Restaurant in Morgan Hill. Four members made the trip to the restaurant via airplane and aeronautical mobile operation was conducted with GGC members on the ground enroute. At the restaurant, the group enjoyed a champagne buffet brunch and then toured the museum of antique autos and airplanes at the site. The February

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LARC Members Make Historic Trans-Atlantic Contact!

Several members of LARC were involved in the historic first trans-Atlantic contact between members of LARC in the United States and Great Britain. This occurred on Sunday, February 19 at 1500Z on 28.425 MHz. LARC members Irv (AF2K), Jim (KK3K), and Duane (K4UW) exchanged greetings with UK LARC members Stuart (G0BEV) and Brian (whose new call is GM0KWL). Also on frequency were US LARC members Dale (WA0CFQ) and Tom (K14ZN), but propagation did not favor them at the time. Stuart was operating SSB and Brian was on CW. Signal reports in both directions ranged from 55 to 59 and from 559 to 599. The contact lasted for one hour and twenty minutes while all stations with propagation got a chance to say hello and exchange reports with each other. Now that we know the schedule is viable, the LARC trans-Atlantic sked will continue to meet at 1500Z on 28.425 +/- QRM on Sundays. LARC members on both sides of the Atlantic can now fire up their rigs and make new friends across the sea!

Editor's Mother Dies

I am sad to report to you that my Mother died of a massive heart attack in her sleep at her hotel in Auckland, New Zealand on March 9th. She had just completed a two week cruise. I want to take this moment to thank all of those who sent cards and notes of sympathy. You will never know how comforting your thoughts have been to me during this difficult time. Thank you all very much from the bottom of my heart.



President's Key

By Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

Hate crimes committed against lesbians and gay men are becoming epidemic in this country. Anyone who follows the developments in our community nationwide has observed increasingly frequent reports of threats, harassment, attacks, and even murders perpetrated against members of our community. In one of the most blatant instances of official homophobia that has ever occurred, a judge in Dallas, TX recently sentenced the murderers of two gay men to lighter sentences because he felt "the queers wouldn't have been murdered if they weren't out there cruising the streets." Not only was justice blind in this case, but also dressed in a white robe and carrying a burning cross! Lesbians and gay men must rally to fight the rising tide of violence directed at us. A retreat into the closet is not the answer. We can not, and must not, turn back now. We must demand the passage of a national hate crimes protection bill that includes protection for all minorities, including sexual minorities. We must also maintain the pressure on local governments to adopt similar protections and demand that law enforcement authorities enforce the law. We must demand justice from our court system and we must work for the removal of bigoted judges. On a personal level, each of us can help by coming out family, friends, and co-workers. Then they can understand a little better exactly what is at stake and who they might lose the next time somebody decides to snuff a queer.

de KK3K

Alaska Cycling

By Harry Peterson (N2CJM, Shawnee Mission, KS)

Last summer, finding myself eager for new horizons to explore with my motorcycle, I applied for and found myself joining a tour to Alaska. Ten of us met in Vancouver, British Columbia for the start of this adventure. Most of the members of the group, including one wife, were from Germany. Some had shipped their big BMW machines over. I was quite content with my little Honda 450. Its biggest problem would prove to be its limited gas tank. Happily, I was able to keep up with all but the big boys and found no need for the auxiliary gas supply which I carried.

The man who roomed with me was a cop from a small California town and we got along just fine. As a matter of fact, there soon developed a sense of camaraderie with the whole group, which was great! We all learned to hate the tour director!

The route took us out of Vancouver to Kamloops, Prince George, New Hazelton, Watson Lake, Whitehorse, Skagway, Dawson City, and Anchorage. From Anchorage we rode to Haines, Alaska and from there took a series of ferry boats back to Vancouver Island ... and home.

The whole adventure filled three weeks with incredible scenery, much hard riding, a couple of near-misses, and a lifetime of memories. The members featured at least one with whom I would have gladly fallen in love, but that is another story.

At the end of this exciting escapade, my roommate for the trip and I rode back to San Francisco, where he lives just a little south of the city. Here I met one of my buddies from New Jersey. He was entertaining two gay friends of his from Russia. Incredibly, the world seems to be getting smaller each and every day.

Riding up to and over the Bay Bridge with the late afternoon fog and the Transamerica pyramid building jutting into the afternoon sky above it all was something else again! It was quite a sight before heading home.

Net Newsbits

Chapter meeting was set for the 9th at the QTH of John (W6BM) in Berkeley. The February social event will be dinner in the Castro on February 26. The GGC is investigating the possibility of becoming an ARRL Affiliated Club. Plans are being made for the Chapter participation in the AIDS Bike-A-Thon planned for May 13th.

Unidentified Mailing Explained

LARC members who received a post card advertisement in December or January may have wondered about the inclusion of their callsign on the post card. The post cards were mailed by one of our members who is in the business of selling posters. Since the commercial use of our mailing list is prohibited, even by our own

members, LARC President Jim (KK3K) contacted the member and received his assurance that he would not use the LARC mailing list in connection with his business in the future. Jim also wrote letters to all members who wrote in to ask about the post cards, explaining what had happened. Remember, LARC rosters are intended for personal, non-commercial use of our members only. Keep them confidential and use them only for personal correspondence!

Calls Heard Recently

SSB: WA6MXR, WB5MEI, K4UW, W9BVD, AF2K, KK3K, KI4ZN, NS2V, WB8ROE, KA8TZX, W4VIW, WB6LYI, K3ATI, KC3XC, VE3OHG, N2CJM, AA6LJ, AA6GA, W9HRQ, WA0S

CW: K4UW, KK3K, KC3XC

LARC Awards = Success!

The increasing number of applications for the LARC Awards Program continues to grow. However, it has been noticed that some members are unsure whether or not they must collect and submit QSL cards to qualify. **YOU DO NOT NEED QSL CARDS.** Although it's fun to do so! **YOU DO NOT NEED TO SEND THEM IN.** Save the postage and enjoy them yourself! **ALL OF THE INFORMATION NEEDED TO RECEIVE YOUR AWARD IS WRITTEN ON THE APPLICATION FORM.** Just fill it in and mail it to the LARC Awards Program Coordinator, Tom (KI4ZN). It's easy!

LARC "Worked All Membership" Award

Sponsored by the
Lambda Amateur Radio Club

Description:

LARC will award a certificate to any licensed amateur submitting a signed application listing all required information and certifying that he or she has qualified for an award under the program.

Purpose:

To encourage club members and other interested amateurs to work other LARC members using different modes.

Basic Award:

Work 10 LARC members using any mode or combination of modes. Endorsements are available in further increments of a group of 5 additional new contacts.

Special Endorsements:

1. SSB Only
2. CW Only
3. RTTY Only
4. Packet Only (No signal report required.)
5. Band and All-Band

Band: 60, 80/75, 40, 30, 24, 20, 18, 15, 10, 6, 2, special VHF, special UHF.

All Band: 80/75, 40, 20, 15, 10

6. 10 States with additional endorsements available for each additional group of 5 states in which a LARC member is worked.

Rules:

1. All contacts must be made after May 1, 1988.
2. All contacts must be two-way.
 - a. QSL CARDS ARE NOT REQUIRED. USE THE LOG SHEET ON THE REVERSE.
 - b. Signal reports are required except for packet and 2 meter FM contacts, however, no minimum signal report is required.
3. A log sheet must be submitted to the program administrator to apply for a certificate or endorsement. The application is available from the program administrator and asks for the following information:
 - a. Applicant's name, address, and callsign
 - b. Award or endorsement achieved
 - c. Mode (if applicable)
 - d. Applicant's signature and date
4. Log sheet should list for each contact:
 - a. Date of contact
 - b. Call sign of contact
 - c. Frequency
 - d. Signal Report (if applicable)
 - e. Mode
 - f. State (if applicable)

LARC "Top-Op" Award:

Each year, LARC will award a trophy or plaque to the LARC member who has received the most endorsements during the year. The award will be presented yearly at the Dayton Hamvention. The dates of record for this award will be March 1 to February 28 of each year. Applications must be received by the awards program administrator between these dates to qualify for this award. In case of a tie, multiple awards will be presented.

LARC "Operating Achievement" Award:

LARC will award a trophy or plaque to each LARC member who qualifies for the basic award plus 5 endorsements. There is no time limit for this award. The award will be made at the time the 5th endorsement is achieved.

Good Luck !!!

Lambda Amateur Radio Club

Application For Certificate Award

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| Call | Award Achieved: | |
| Name | Endorsement:

Mode: | |
| Address | | |
| City, State, Zip | | |
| I certify that the information contained in my application is true as stated.

Applicant's Signature: | | Date of Application |

LOG SHEET

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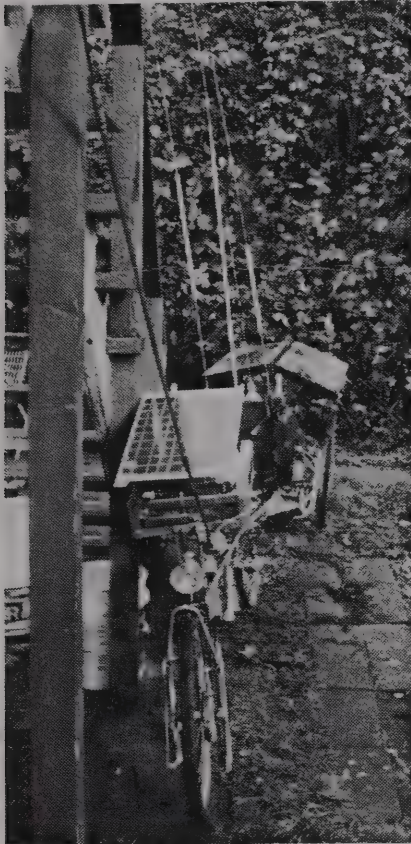
Send completed application to:

Tom Hendrix, KI4ZN
 LARC Award Program Administrator
 394 Bahama Road
 Winter Springs, FL 32708

Bicycle Mobile Ham Radio

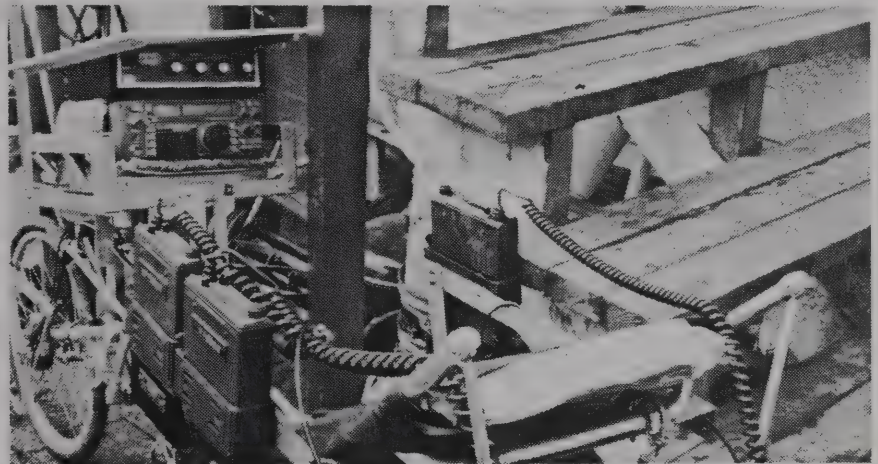
By Mark Allyn (WA1SEY, Seattle, WA)

Finally, I have done it! After years of dreaming, building, tearing apart, wiring, and testing — I think I've got something together for bicycle mobile operation on HF. Yes, HF operation from a 10-speed bicycle.



Sure, the bicycle is a little different. It's called a recumbent bicycle because the rider is in a reclining position rather than sitting forward like on a regular bicycle. This is a very comfortable position for long rides — no sore butt, hands, neck, etc.

Now to the interesting part. The trailer has two 40 watt Arco solar panels which charge the 70 amp hour battery located under the panels. On the bike there is an additional 20 watt panel which also serves to keep rain off of the radio. A second 20 watt panel can be fastened above the rear wheel in front of the antennas. This also helps to keep camping gear below it dry. This adds up to a total of about 110 watts on a sunny day. That's just about enough to keep the HF going on SSB with about 20 watts peak output without



draining anything from the battery. This power system serves all of the radios on the bike.

There are four radios installed. The HF unit is an ICOM 735 with a Barker & Williamson antenna tuner. The other radios are also ICOM's — a 27H for 2 meters, a 37A for 220, and a 47 for 450.

Each of the VHF and UHF radios has its own separate antenna. These antennas are the three vertical whips on the rear of the bike. The 2 meter and 220 antennas are Hustler colinears while the 450 is a Larsen end-fed half-wave. The two 45° whips (one on the front and the other on the rear) are for the HF. The antenna tuner feeds the one in front while the other is grounded. This in combination with the bicycle frame (which is bonded with silver plated

copper braiding) gives the RF appearance of a V antenna.

The whole mess weighs about 150 pounds including the trailer. The bike itself is about 60 pounds without any camping gear. Although the trailer is close to 100 pounds, the weight is evenly distributed so that there is very little weight on the trailer hitch. Since the heaviest part (the battery) is located below the axle level, it is almost impossible to tip the trailer over.

For you bicycle buffs out there, the bike is equipped with Phil Wood hubs and disc brakes. I also plan to have Mathauser hydraulic brakes put on the bike when they become readily available. The bike has 45 gear combinations with the lowest gear being about 11 inches. This is 1/2 the size of the lowest

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LAMBDA NET SCHEDULES

TRANS-ATLANTIC SCHEDULE

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| SSB | Sun | 1500Z | All Year | 28.425 MHz |
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NATIONAL SCHEDULES

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| SSB | Sun | 1900Z | All Year | 14.325 MHz |
| SSB | Sun | 1930Z | All Year | 21.425 MHz |
| SSB | Sun | 2000Z | All Year | 28.425 MHz |

NOVICES!

EASTERN SCHEDULES

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|------|-----|--------|------------|-----------|
| RTTY | Tue | 8:00pm | Local Time | 3.630 MHz |
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(The sked will meet where conditions are best.)

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NOVICES!

WESTERN SCHEDULES

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(All schedules are + or - QRM)

NOTE!

NEW TRANS-ATLANTIC SCHEDULE!

Turn your beam to
the U.K. and see if
YOU can make
contact too!

gear ratio of most bikes and makes for the ability to pedal this rig up Seattle's steep hills. Both the bike and the trailer were bought commercially. The trailer was modified to accommodate the solar panels and the battery. The bike, although it has considerable gear on it, has not been modified at all. If I take everything off of the bike, including the 45 gear ratio system, it will be exactly as I bought it.

Believe it or not, the HF works very well. Once I tune it to a particular frequency, the VSWR stays pretty constant whether I am stationary or riding. I have had some reports that my signal is better than some automobile mobile signals and as strong as some base stations. I've had QSOs across the continent and even some pile-ups while I was on the

bike. Needless to say, this hamming and gadgetry attract significant attention on the bike trail and I have to do my best not to have an accident with some curiosity seekers turning around to look at me.

The other bike you see in the photo is my commuting bike. It has only 2 meters, 220, and 450 (all ICOM handhelds), each with its separate antenna. They are powered by a small 12 volt 12 amp hour battery which is fed by the single 20 watt solar panel above the rear wheel.

This bike also has a high-intensity lighting system consisting of two 20 watt quartz halogen lamps on the bike and a 50 watt quartz halogen lamp in the helmet. To alert drivers that I am there, I have two high power xenon

strobes which can be seen for a quarter of a mile.

I commute 23 miles each way to and from work on that bike and much of it is in darkness with heavy traffic. The lights ensure my safety and the radios are there in case anything happens to me and, of course, so I can chat with friends while riding.

If you come to the Seattle area, I usually monitor the 22-82 and 36-96 repeaters on 2 meters. Give me a call for an eyeball! As I perfect the recumbent bike and use it more often, especially during the summer months, I plan to spend more time on 20 and 15 meters where the antennas seem to work the best. I hope to start having skeds via bicycle mobile from Seattle. So, 73 for now!

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Net Newsbits

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

New LARC Trans-Atlantic Sked Added

LARC member Stuart (GOBEV) has suggested an additional 10 meter schedule for Sundays to facilitate trans-Atlantic contacts between LARC members. Stuart suggested a sked between 1400 and 1600 UTC on 10 meters, based on conditions in the U.K. Accordingly, we have added the following new sked: SSB on Sundays at 1500UTC on 28.425 MHz +/- QRM. See the schedule box on the back page of the NEWS and be sure to listen for Stuart and our other U.K. LARC members on this new sked!

Dayton 1989 Reminder!

The 1989 Dayton Hamvention will be held April 28, 29, & 30, 1989. LARC members who plan to attend this year's Hamvention and who wish to stay in one of the LARC rooms should contact our LARC Hamvention Housing Coordinator Howard (W9BVD). LARC members must make their room reservations with Howard in advance. See you in Dayton!

Renewals

Pending renewals, we now have 76 active members in LARC and 38 members have not renewed as yet for 1989. If your address label shows a "PLEASE RENEW!" message, then we are not in receipt of your renewal form. Please send in your renewal form now if you have not done so and would like to continue to receive the newsletter. Deadline for renewals was January 31, 1989.

Welcome New Members

Bruce Crawford (WA3WUL) lives in Wilmington, DE. Bruce found

out about LARC by listening to the FM radio broadcast of the interview that Jim (KK3K) did for a local gay radio program in Philadelphia. Bruce is interested in disaster research and sociology, and he has a Zenith Z-183 computer. He is also equipped for both HF and 2 meters.

Travis Levi is studying for his license. He would like to get in touch with other LARC members in the Washington state area. He lives in Silverdale and his address is P.O. Box 1493, Silverdale, WA 98383. Travis is anxious to get his license so he can run packet radio and enjoy DX on the HF bands. He is currently building an IBM AT computer.

Member Correspondence

Ralph (N6SVG, Stamford, CA) travels east and has visited the shack of Irv (AF2K, Webster, NY) on a couple of occasions during the past few months.

Neil (WA6KLA, Aloha, OR) plans to put a notice about LARC in the community resources section of a local gay publication. Neil reports that the ARRL National Convention in Portland was "a blast" and that the participating clubs made over a 500% return on their seed money investment!

Gary (WA1EIG, Kensington, MD) has moved but still lives in Kensington. Her writes that he hasn't yet unpacked everything!

Leonard (KB8DOA, Fort Lauderdale, FL) has also moved but now lives in Fort Lauderdale, FL!

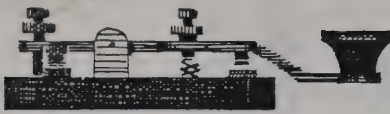
Cal Grissom lives in Louisburg, NC writes that he is eager to get his license and start acquiring some equipment so he can become more active in the club.

Stuart (GOBEV, Tyne and Wear, ENGLAND) writes that he can be reached on packet using "DCE via UOSAT gateway or the G3PLX AMTOR/packet gateway." However, he does NOT have AMTOR capability. Anyone interested in giving it a try?!

Golden Gate Chapter News

The January meeting of the Chapter was set for January 12 at 8 PM at the QTH of Reese (WD6EOB) in Fremont, CA. The Chapter also planned a social activity for January 29th at 11 AM where they were to meet at The Flying Lady Restaurant & Museum in Morgan Hill. The January Chapter Newsletter, edited by Larry (WB9LOZ), featured a look back at 1988 which highlighted the growth, activities, and accomplishments of the Golden Gate Chapter of LARC. GGC and National LARC member Ralph (N6SVG) was introduced to ham radio when he participated as a rider in the AIDS Bike-A-Thon last year. He met Bill (K9AT) at a rest stop and noticed Bill using his HT. Bill filled him in about ham radio and LARC and invited Ralph to join the club for dinner after the Bike-A-Thon. Ralph joined LARC and quickly passed his Technician exams and was issued the N6SVG. Since then, Ralph has upgraded to Extra and is awaiting his new Extra class call! He is about to acquire his first rig which will be a 2 meter HT. John (W6BM) and Reese (WD6EOB) have both solved their motorcycle mobile problems by building special headsets into their helmets and utilizing special switching boxes. (Charlie, WA4ITY, of Waynesboro, VA is also

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President's Key

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

activists, and other progressives ... and a few very ominous signs as well. Bush surprised many when he took time out to meet with AIDS activists late last year. Perhaps this will signal a more compassionate response from the federal government on AIDS. After Reagan, "a kinder, gentler" approach would be appreciated. The last federal budget submitted by Reagan calls for an increase in AIDS spending, but not as much as requested by Reagan's own people. As we all know, Bush will have a tough time trying to balance the budget, cut the deficit, and live up to his promise not to raise taxes. We'll have to watch Bush closely to see how he does all this, and to see what happens to AIDS funding in the process. Bush could also help out by embracing fully the Presidential Commission's Report On AIDS. Reagan rejected key recommendations of the report of his own commission, playing the fool he is to a "T." Surgeon General Koop, while holding very conservative personal views on such issues as AIDS and abortion, has been fair and has tried to do his job impartially and get good information on AIDS out to the public. Who will Bush appoint to this important position? Bush could also help greatly by ordering the FDA to streamline the cumbersome drug approval process, as AIDS activists have been demanding for several years now. In an ominous development, the Supreme Court has agreed to hear a case that could be used to overturn the historic Roe vs. Wade decision on abortion. Gays and lesbians were sacrificed on the altar of new right morality in the Hardwick vs. Bowers Supreme Court decision of 1986. Now, the women of this country, especially the poor, face the ugly prospect of a return to backroom, coat-hanger abortions thanks to the fanaticism of Reagan, the fundamentalists, and die-hard conservatives. Women's groups will be mobilizing to demand that they retain control of their own bodies, and we must stand with them to insure that Roe vs. Wade is not reversed.

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motorcycle mobile with a similar set-up!)

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Remember the Following:

1. Keep all LARC information strictly confidential.
2. Keep your mailing address information current. Let us know if you are not receiving your newsletters.

3. Never respond on the air to stations engaged in disruptive behavior. The way to defeat these individuals is to deny them an audience. QSY and you will silence the offender.

Calls Heard Recently

KA8TZX, KA1MQX/W1MX,
W9BVD, AF2K, KI4ZN, K4UW,
VE3OHG, KC3XC, KK3K, K3ATI

LARC Awards Program

The LARC Awards Program, instituted at the 1988 Dayton Hamvention, is taking off! More members are qualifying and beautiful two-color certificates are being issued to each participant. Join in the fun! Work ten other LARC members on any mode and receive your certificate. Contact the LARC Awards Program Coordinator, Tom Hendrix (KI4ZN) for more information.

Ohio LARC Gathering Is Success

By (Bob Laycock (KASUHL, Cleveland, OH))

The first official gathering of Ohio LARC members on January 28th was a success and a lot of fun for all who attended. Four Ohio LARC members and friends attended: Brian DeWitt, David Frizzell (WD8IKB), David's friend Bill, and myself.

The gathering started at "Snickers," a popular west side gay restaurant in Cleveland. David and Bill successfully navigated their way to the restaurant without needing to be talked-in on 145.80, despite the fact that "Snickers" is tucked in among residential houses and a factory on a small side street.

The dinner was ample and enjoyable, spiced with pleasant Cleveland scenery and good conversation. The waitress was terrific and doubled as our photographer with David's Polaroid camera.

Afterward, we had planned to hit "Gabriel's," a popular new gay bar that opened last summer. It featured a great multi-level dance floor and light show, along with a small sandwich shop, a photography studio, private loges, and many interesting conversation areas scattered through several rooms. Unfortunately, something went wrong and they closed the previous week. Damn!

So, we hit a gay Cleveland institution instead, the bar "Keys." We enjoyed drinks, music, and cruising there. We also ran into a friend of Brian's and mine from GayWaves, the weekly radio we used to do on WRUW-FM.

The evening lasted until 1:30 AM and was great fun. It may still be too early for an Ohio LARC chapter, but we will definitely have another Ohio LARC gathering this summer. If we're lucky, the Cleveland Hamfest and Cleveland's annual "We Are Family" lesbian and gay picnic might fall on the same date — the perfect combination for our gathering!

Technical Corner: HF Small Space Antennas

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

I have lived in row houses my entire life, so I have always had to deal with limited space. There are plenty of things you can do to get on the air on HF in spite of having little space for a large tri-bander. I have used both indoor and outdoor antennas, verticals, dipoles, and beams. In general, outdoor works better than indoor, and bigger antennas work better than smaller antennas. You have to compromise based on your situation and accept the best possible outcome. But you can get on the air! Here are some suggestions.

1. You will almost certainly need an antenna tuner. Compromised antennas usually have a narrow low SWR bandwidth, so the tuner will expand the frequencies and bands you can operate on. It doesn't have to be a great tuner. I used an inexpensive (\$50.00) MFJ tuner for years very successfully.

2. Do you have restrictions on outdoor roof antennas? Most condos do, I guess. But the best antenna situation would be something on the roof, in my opinion. So, I'll list some options based on two categories: on the roof or indoors. These options are listed in order of my preference with the best first and so on down the line. Here goes:

IF YOU CAN PUT IT ON THE ROOF

3. I recommend an all-band vertical antennas such as the Butternut HF6V.

Advantages:
requires little space
inexpensive, total cost less than \$200

easy to install, one day by yourself

roof mounted verticals require minimal radials

gets you on all HF bands with your tuner

great for DX
relatively visually inoffensive

Disadvantages:
verticals pick up more noise and static than horizontally polarized antennas

verticals are not directional like a beam or dipole

they sway in the wind, SWR goes bonkers sometimes

poor bandwidth on 40, 75/80 meters, use your tuner!

neighbors may not like the 26 foot mast

IF YOU MUST ERECT YOUR ANTENNA INDOORS

(and you have an attic!)

4. I recommend an attic dipole. Specifically, a trap dipole designed for use on 40/15 meters. With your tuner, you will be able to use this antenna over a wide portion of both of these popular bands, and maybe on other bands as well. IMPORTANT! It's OK if you have to bend the ends of the wires in order to fit the antenna in. It will still work, even if a bit more compromised! My first antenna in my attic was a 15/40 dipole that had both ends bent in so it would fit, and it worked fine! There are also a lot of other dipoles you could run in your attic such as single band dipoles for 20, 15, or 10 meters, or various combinations thereof. It depends on how much space you have, and where you feel you want to operate. I figure you will want to be able to operate on 40 for local contacts and 15 for longer skip and DX.

5. Another attic option is a long wire. Again, you use this with your tuner. This might even be better than the 40/15 dipole. Since I don't have any experience with long wires, I can't comment in detail, but I know at least one LARC member who operates very successfully with one.

IF YOU MUST ERECT YOUR ANTENNA INDOORS

6. Sell the condo! Seriously though, this is the toughest situation, but not impossible! Again, I would consider an indoor dipole. You can take it down and put it up as needed, or you can try disguising it and leaving it up strung from room to room. A good idea here might be to contact a ham radio store and ask them what they have for limited space, indoor situations. There used to be one available called a Slinky dipole. It was actually a Slinky toy modified for use as an HF antenna! You could vary the resonant frequency of the antenna by

lengthening or shortening the Slinky! You put it up and take it down as needed, or leave it up! Kinky! A long wire-tuner combo is another option here, and perhaps a good one because it would be easiest to put up and leave up disguised and maybe painted to match the walls or whatever. Maybe you could run it out of the window and down the side of the condo or over to the fence or something. One manufacturer sells a window mounted short vertical. An option, but will it work effectively? I don't know, but it is available. If you have a balcony, perhaps you could mount a mobile vertical whip from the balcony railing. They work pretty well. I once worked Spain using the mobile vertical in Howard's (W9BVD) car! MFJ sells a table top portable vertical antenna which they claim will operate from an apartment, campsite, etc on 40 thru 10 meters! It sells for \$80. I don't know if it'll put out, though.

There are many ways for you to go. When I went looking for my first antenna, I was frustrated because I didn't know any hams and the ham store clerk I asked for advice was too stupid to be of any help. I lucked out though because I opted for the 15/40 dipole which I put in the attic. The important thing to remember is that you can get on the air and make contacts, no matter how bad your antenna situation is! Remember, these suggestions are only one operator's opinion, perhaps other LARC members will write in and tell us about their successes with limited space HF antennas.

(Do you have some technical information to share with other LARC members? Worked on the antennas, rigs, or a special project lately? Why not send in a write up for our Technical Corner?)

Coming In March...

A remarkable article by Mark Allyn (WA1SEY) on his solar-powered mobile that runs HF, VHF, and UHF — all from his ten speed bicycle!

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NEW TRANS-ATLANTIC SCHEDULE!

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FOR SALE: Complete RTTY/AMTOR/Packet/CW Station — Just Add TNC!

The following station equipment is being offered for sale by Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI). I would like to sell this as a complete, packaged system for the new packet, RTTY, AMTOR operator. Note that a packet TNC is NOT included as part of the package. The cost of all of this purchased by me new was \$1500, and I am asking only \$350 plus shipping. If interested, call me at (213) 494-6765 or drop me a note to P.O. Box 91299, Long Beach, CA 90809-1299. Complete package includes: Commodore 64

Computer with 1541 disk drive, C-64 Training Kit, Star Micronics SG-10C printer, AEA CP-100 Computer Patch (retails for \$299 alone) with cables to C-64, AEA-Soft "MBA-TOR" software cartridge for CP-100, Kantronics "Pac-Term" software cartridge and disk, CaGen "Contest Log" software on disk, 300 baud modem with software, Zenith Data Systems monochrome monitor for C-64, Simon's BASIC software cartridge, Muse "Smart Start" software on disk. "Net Worth" personal finance software package,

Timeworks "Word Writer" software package, and the following books: "Inside Commodore DOS," "Commodore Programmer's Reference Guide," "Basic Commodore 64 BASIC," & "Compute's 3rd Book of Commodore 64." All documentation is included, of course. Please note that while the 1541 disk drive has had little usage, it currently does not work properly and may need repair. All in all, it is an excellent system and has not yet been taken out of service at my QTH.

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By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

LARC Membership Elects Officers For 1989-90 Term

In accordance with the LARC Constitution and By-Laws, the bi-annual LARC election was conducted during November and December 1988. The results of the elections are as follows:

LARC Officers 1989-90 Term

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| President | Jim, KK3K |
| Vice President | Don, WB6LYI |
| Secretary | Bob, KA8UHL |

LARC President Jim (KK3K) is pleased to announce the following appointment to the LARC Executive Committee for the new term:

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| Treasurer | Tom, KI4ZN |
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Congratulations to the incoming Officers and thanks to those who served during the 1987-88 term. Thanks also to Larry (WB9LOZ) and Bill (K9AT) for tabulating the election results.

Membership Renewals

LARC membership renewal forms were mailed to the entire membership with last month's newsletter. With the addition of our latest new members and pending renewals, we now have 58 active members in LARC. To date, 58 members have sent in their renewals for 1989. We are looking for renewals from 54 members who have not sent their 1989 renewal forms in yet. The officers would like to thank those who have renewed to date. The importance and value of returning your renewal form cannot be stressed enough — we have received more changes and corrections from members this year than in any previous year in the history of LARC. Reminder: if you have not yet sent in your renewal

and you wish to continue to receive the LARC Net News and remain an active member of LARC, we must receive your renewal form by January 31, 1989, whether or not you pay dues. If we do not receive a renewal form, we cannot continue to mail our newsletters since we must be certain of each member's correct address. Please send in your renewal NOW!

LARC National Nets Get Into High Gear

The new sunspot cycle has resulted in exceptional conditions on the 15 and 10 meter bands, and LARC members are taking full advantage. For example, on December 12th members AF2K, W9BVD, WA0CFQ, KK3K, NS2V, WB5MEI, N2CJM, AA6GA, and K3ATI enjoyed the opportunity to chat on the LARC 15 meter sked at 1930 UTC. The 10 meter sked has also been very good for the past few months, affording the LARC novices and technicians the opportunity to check in and say hello to some of the other club members. Just about everyone has room for a ten meter antenna, so if you haven't been on the HF bands for a while, now is the time to put something up and join in the fun!

Welcome New Members

Michael Levine (WA6MXR) of Bishop, CA. Mike is interested in mountaineering in addition to amateur radio. He runs a Heathkit computer and his packet station, WA6MXR, is up 24 hours a day via BishOp or MazOka (Yes, those are zeros in place of "O's.")

John Black, whose license is pending, lives in Dallas, TX and he is a friend of Gordon (WB5OYL). John may make the Dayton Hamvention this year.

Robb Mapou (WA3QDH) lives in Olney, MD. His hobbies include working out, aerobics, and music — in addition to amateur radio.

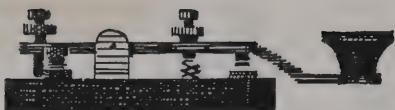
Jim Cerqui (WB8LPY) of Ft. Lauderdale, FL works in a clothing store located at the Marlin Beach Hotel, a gay resort. Jim writes that he knows several other potential LARC members in the Ft. Lauderdale area. His other interests include boating, photography, and teaching. Maybe there's a new LARC Chapter in the making here!

Robert Devey (WB7EBN) lives in Monterey, CA. He is also interested in computers and programming. HE has an IBM clone and his CompuServe ID is 73337,1615 and The Source ID BEX980.

Northeast Ohio LARC Get-Together Slated For January 28

All LARC members and friends are invited to a get-together planned for Saturday, January 28, in Cleveland, Ohio. The event is being organized by Bob (KA8UHL) who lives in Cleveland. The evening will start with a group dinner at Snickers Restaurant, 1261 West 76th Street in Cleveland. After dinner, the group plans a visit to Cleveland's great new bar, "Gabriel's." Talk-in will be on 145.80 simplex. Those planning to attend should call Bob at (216) 321-6934 to reserve your space. LARC members are coming from Youngstown, Akron, Columbus, Dayton and surrounding areas are welcome to attend this first-ever get-together for LARC members on Ohio. Contact Bob for details and take advantage of this

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President's Key

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

I would like to thank the membership of LARC for the vote of confidence I received in the recent election. The office of President of LARC is work, but it is a labor of love for me. The office has responsibilities, but they carry with them rich rewards.

I continue to be involved in politics, gay rights activism and AIDS activism, but LARC has always been a bedrock of interest for me. Even when I get a little burned out on gay rights or AIDS, I remain enthused about LARC. The many good friends I have made and my enjoyment of ham radio continue to inspire me. I am looking forward with great excitement to the next couple of years. LARC will continue to grow both here and in the U.S. and overseas. The new sunspot cycle will provide opportunities for those interested in HF to communicate with each other. Many new friends will be made, and amateur radio will continue to make it all possible.

Best of all, I'll have help in running the club from three fine individuals: the newly re-elected Vice President Don (WB6LYI), who does such an excellent job with the newsletter and on publicity; Bob (KA8UHL), who has been elected Secretary and who did a fine job as Treasurer during the last two years; and Tom (KI4ZN), who, in addition to acting as our Awards Program Administrator, has agreed to act as LARC Treasurer this term. With the help of these fine individuals, the sky is the limit for LARC!

I would like to thank Irv (AF2K) who served with distinction as LARC Secretary during the last two years. His help and input was invaluable and he has always come through for the club when his help was needed.

Again, thanks to those who served the club during the 1987-88 term, and congratulations and best of luck to the new slate of LARC Officers for the 1989-1990 term.

de KK3K

*** CONNECTED TO WB9LOZ

By Larry Kenney (WB9LOZ, San Francisco, CA)

I've had great intentions of writing a column for the newsletter for several months, but work, sysop duties, piano lessons and practice, Golden Gate Chapter and San Francisco ARC activities and other fun things have been keeping me very busy. I just haven't taken the time to sit down here at the keyboard to write. I know, excuses, excuses.

LARC members across the country are making good use of packet to correspond with other members. The HF packet network has become very reliable, and messages often go from one end of the country to the other in a matter of hours. Mark, KC3XC, and I correspond regularly and I usually receive his messages within 2 or 3 hours after he enters them at the N4QQ BBS in Maryland. At Christmas time, Bill, K9AT, and I received several messages with holiday greetings from LARC members. Here in the Golden Gate Chapter, there are nine members on packet and there are more than

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opportunity to say hello to your fellow LARC members in Ohio.

Member Correspondence

Rob (KA2EGO) just bought a condo in Charlotte, NC. He travels during the week, but he would like to operate while he is home on weekends. He needs some antenna related assistance from some of our LARC antenna specialists. Anyone wishing to help Rob get back on the air — please contact him weekends in Charlotte.

Stuart (GOBEV) writes that he was able to copy two LARC members on Sunday, November 10 during the regular 20 meter LARC National SSB sked. He copied W9BVD and WA0CFQ with a report of about 4 by 5. Unfortunately, it was almost 1930 UTC when this occurred, so Stuart did not have enough time to try to check in on 20, and 15 meters was dead when he checked it. Stuart has been concentrating on his packet set-up. He is building a

second TNC, and improved TAPR clone, which he intends to use for HF. Stuart has also written some packet software in Turbo Pascal. Stuart would like to try communicating using packet via satellite or AMTOR gateways with stateside LARC members with a local PBBS. His packet PBBS is GB7TVM-2. Stuart teaches and does research in chemistry at a local university, and he and his roommate visit the U.S. occasionally. He has family in upstate New York, near Rochester.

Steve (KD6ZZ, Tucson, AZ) has been very active in the movement to save the 220-225 MHz band. He has maintained a "chronology of events" which he uses when he writes letters. Steve says that one of his Congressmen became sufficiently annoyed with us to pressure the FCC to reverse their decision?

Gordon (WB5OYL) attended the NATA UNICOM 2 Exposition in Dallas and spent Thanksgiving

with friends. Telephone equipment was exhibited and Gordon expected to enjoy the exposition.

Vic (WB5MEI) writes that the Texas statewide magazine "This Week In Texas" has run a notice about LARC in the last two issues. Vic is a regular on the LARC Sunday SSB skeds.

Bob (KA8UHL) has enjoyed checking into both LARC CW and 10 meter nets. Bob is organizing a dinner and bar night for LARC members in the northeast Ohio area. The date is January 28th.

Don (AA6GA) broke his left arm in a motorcycle accident in October. He and his lover, Tom, were both on the bike when they hit an oil slick at a freeway exit. They were travelling 50 mph at the time. Tom suffered a sprained ankle and elbow. They were both wearing protective clothing and helmets at the time. Don writes that Tom is fully recovered now and he expects to be using his arm more and more in the next few

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weeks. Don has been checking in on the LARC SSB nets on Sundays.

Larry (NU4B) operates QRP when he is not at work during the second shift. He writes a column for the Michigan QRP Club's magazine. He has worked 141 countries so far — all QRP! Check-ins to the LARC CW sked should listen up for Larry who plans to check-in QRP.

Tom (KI4ZN) and Dick report that they are enjoying their new home in Winter Springs, Florida. Their home has five bedrooms, is situated on two acres, and includes a thirty foot pool! Tom and Dick want to invite LARC members to visit — just write and let them know you're coming. [Editor: Sounds like the new Winter Springs Hilton has opened!] Tom's antenna is installed and he is now back on the air.

LARCs On The Go

Dale (WA0CFQ) visited the west coast during the holidays. He planned to visit family as well as some of the club members in CA.

Jim (KK3K) and his lover, Dan, flew to Rio de Janeiro on December 23rd for a week in the Copacabana sun and the famous samba celebration on the beach on New Year's Eve.

Don (WB6LYI) spent a week in France visiting near Bordeaux and Paris during December on a

business trip. It's nice to work for a company that sends you to Paris on business! Also, Don notes that he is planning to work is first-ever contest in the upcoming 10-10 International Net Winter Phone QSO Party. He is hoping to hang out on the LARC 10 meter frequency of 28.425 MHz during the contest, which runs February 4 from 0000 UTC to February 5 at 2400 UTC. If you need another LARC member for your certificate, here's a chance to find someone waiting to work you — with or without a 10-10 number. Let's see how many of you can contact Don during the contest!

Mark (KC3XC) planned to spend the Christmas holiday in upstate New York with family.

Larry (NU4B) planned to travel to Memphis with friends to celebrate New Year's Day.

Golden Gate Chapter News

The GGC met at the Dickens Christmas Faire held Sunday, November 27th at Pier 45. Nine members and one guest attended and reports are that it was a lot of fun. The November meeting was held at the QTH of Don (W6DBZ) in San Mateo. Topics discussed included plans for the AIDS Bike-A-Thon event in May, upcoming social events, and the Chapter's newsletter. The

December meeting was a pot-luck dinner hosted by Bill (K9AT) and Larry (WB9LOZ) in San Francisco on December 8th. The January meeting is scheduled for the 12th at the QTH of Reese (WD6EOB) who lives in Fremont, CA. The GGC added 4 new members in December: Reg (VE3NEF), Gary (N6TEQ), Ken (N6SVE), and Ralph (N6SVG).

Publicity Updates

"Mom ... Guess What!" newspaper, Sacramento, CA ran a notice about LARC in the September 1988 issue. Jim (KK3K) did an interview for "Gaydreams," a radio program for gay men which aired in Philadelphia on December 4th. The station, WXPB-FM, is the University of Pennsylvania station and enjoys wide coverage in the Delaware Valley tri-state area. A ham in Wilmington, DE heard Jim's interview and wrote LARC for more information.

Calls Heard

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CW: WB8ROE, W9BVD, WA0CFQ, K4UW, KA8UHL, NV4J, KK3K, K3ATI

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35 nationally, according to the latest information I have available.

If you have packet capability, check the LARC packet roster that was published last year and send me a message if the information needs to be updated (WB9LOZ @ W6PW). If you weren't on the roster last year but are now active on packet, let me know either by message or letter. I plan to update the information and publish a new packet roster in a few months. Here's the information that's included: CALL, NAME, CITY, STATE, ZIP, FREQUENCIES USED, HOME BBS, HOW OFTEN YOU USE PACKET (daily, couple times a week, once a week, seldom, etc.), CLOSEST DIGI OR NODE,

EQUIPMENT USED, and OTHER INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO THE OTHER MEMBERS (operate nodes, sysop of a BBS, have a personal mailbox on the air, etc.).

A year ago I wrote a series of packet articles for the SFARC news-letter, "Nuts & Volts", introducing the members to packet and then helping them to become familiar with the various aspects of the mode. At the request of several sysops, I've recently updated the series for distribution to all packet BBSs here in California. Since the articles are now less specific to the Bay Area, I've sent a copy of them to Don, WB6LYI, our Vice President and Editor, for inclusion here in

"Lambda Net News" as space permits. There are a total of 15 articles, covering the basics of setting up your TNC and getting it on the air to more specific things like the TNC commands, digipeater and node usage, BBS operation, NTS traffic handling, HF operation, and other topics. I hope you find the articles useful.

See you all at Dayton!

73, Larry, WB9LOZ

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Editor's Note — Be sure not to miss this series of get-acquainted articles on packet radio starting in the February issue of the NEWS!

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Computer with 1541 disk drive, C-64 Training Kit, Star Micronics SG-10C printer, AEA CP-100 Computer Patch (retails for \$299 alone) with cables to C-64, AEA-Soft "MBA-TOR" software cartridge for CP-100, Kantronics "Pac-Term" software cartridge and disk, CaGen "Contest Log" software on disk, 300 baud modem with software, Zenith Data Systems monochrome monitor for C-64, Simon's BASIC software cartridge, Muse "Smart Start" software on disk, "Net Worth" personal finance software package,

Timeworks "Word Writer" software package, and the following books: "Inside Commodore DOS," "Commodore Programmer's Reference Guide," "Basic Commodore 64 BASIC," & "Compute's 3rd Book of Commodore 64." All documentation is included, of course. Please note that while the 1541 disk drive has had little usage, it currently does not work properly and may need repair. All in all, it is an excellent system and has not yet been taken out of service at my QTH.

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By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

LARC Makes News Nationwide

In Touch magazine ran a blurb on LARC on page 25 of issue #143. In case you haven't read this magazine lately, run out and buy a copy. It is full of pictures of really hot young men and contains some great fiction!

A friend of mine just returned from Seattle and he reported that the Seattle gay and lesbian newspaper ran an article on LARC while he was there.

Look on page 85 of the November 1988 issue of QST and you will see LARC's Golden Gate Chapter's Field Day score reported. QST misspelled Lambda as "lamboa" — they apparently still cannot quite come to grips with us! Kudos to K9AT and the other members of the GGC who made 60 QSO's running less than 150 watts with 10 participants and a score of 636 points! We also note on page 81 of the same issue a "Soapbox" write up of field day activities penned by our own Rick Fearn (K6VE). All this proves that the ARRL can't keep a good club down — and LARC is a good club!

LARC Adds Three Members In U.K.

Three of our newest members are Stuart Hill (G0BEV), Brian Mulleady (GM1PVG), and Phil Hutchings (G8LRD). See the "Welcome New Members" section for details. We have also sent information to a prospective member in the Federal Republic of Germany! With improved propagation on 15 & 10 meters, the addition of our new overseas members should make it possible

for LARC members to communicate with each other across the Atlantic Ocean for the first time ever!

Start Planning For Dayton 1989!

The 1989 Dayton Hamvention will be held April 28, 29 & 30, 1989. LARC has reserved a block of 9 hotel rooms for members and guests planning to attend. Last year, a record 21 LARC members attended and all rooms were occupied. LARC members who plan to attend this year's Hamvention and who wish to stay in one of the LARC rooms should contact our LARC Hamvention Housing Coordinator, Howard (W9BVD). Since we expect all rooms to be utilized, members must make their reservations with Howard in advance. If you do not contact Howard to reserve your space, LARC cannot guarantee you a place to stay in Dayton, so make your reservations with Howard now. See you in Dayton!

Welcome New Members

Don Warden (K1ZVQ) lives in Mystic, CT. Don previously worked north of the Arctic Circle as a radio operator for the FAA. He held call sign KL7DVI and copied Soviet transmissions of weather, etc. under ICAO agreements. He is a former air traffic controller. He has 2 meter capability, but writes that his TR-4 quit on him. We hope he can revive his HF rig and join in on some of the LARC HF nets.

Stuart Hill (G0BEV) holds a Class A license, valid for all bands and all modes. His station is equipped for HF, VHF, and UHF with an assortment of antennas. He does not have a 10 meter

antenna currently, but he is planning to add a 10 meter dipole soon. Some of his other interests include 20th century literature and music, swimming, personal fitness, travel, motorcycling, and "many scientific pursuits." His complete address is: Stuart Hill, Windrush, Jesmond Gardens, Newcastle upon Tyne, Tyne and Wear, NE2 2JN, England.

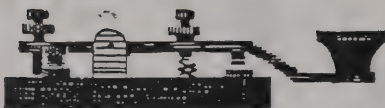
Brian Mulleady (GM1PVG) lives in the city of Falkirk in Scotland. He currently has a Class B license, but he plans to take the CW test and upgrade to Class A. He is a member of the Stirling Amateur Radio Club and he may be able to work stateside from the club station. He has a Kenwood TS-120S for HF and he is looking for information from stateside on a 6 meters transverter. His other interests include music, cinema, politics, and pubs. His complete address is: Brian Mulleady, 9 Elizabeth Crescent, Camelon, Falkirk FK1 4JF, Scotland.

Phil Hutchings (G8LRD) is also planning to take the CW test to upgrade to Class A. He operates on 2 meters using an Icom IC-260E and he writes that there are several gay hams on the Prestel BBS System in the U.K. He plans to put the word out about the club. Thanks, Phil! His complete address is: Phil Hutchings, 59 Braemor Road, Calne, Wiltshire SN11 9DU, England.

Michael Carroll (NV4J) lives in Riverview, FL. He is equipped for HF with a Kenwood TS-430S and an Icom IC-745. His antenna is a SBTV vertical.

Ron Powell (W6MYN) lives in Altadena, CA. His interests include VHF, UHF, and R/V travelling. He has a Macintosh computer.

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President's Key

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA), President, LARC

WE ARE EVERYWHERE! This chant is so very true for lesbians and gays. Now LARC has four members in the United Kingdom. This is probably just the beginning! While I don't have all the details, it appears that the London-based gay and lesbian magazine Gay Times has run an ad or other notice about LARC and the word is starting to spread. I also received a letter from a ham in West Germany and he mentioned that he learned about us in an ad in a German publication! I have no idea how that happened! Oh well, I'm just glad that the word is getting out. It will be interesting to see just how quickly the European contingent grows. I hope we are able to manage things. If we get a lot of letters or inquiries, it may be tough for me to keep up with them, but I'm going to do my best. I will be asking our new overseas members for volunteers to help coordinate things as we add new members. I think LARC in Europe should eventually develop into its own entity, but for the time being we'll coordinate things here from the States. I still can't wait for the day we log our first trans-Atlantic LARC QSO with one or more of our new members. I have a feeling it won't be long before that happens with the great propagation we've had lately on the HF DX bands!

ON A DIFFERENT NOTE, I would like to point out that this "President's Key" column I write is, in fact, a personal opinion column. In this column I am speaking to LARC in our newsletter which is private in the sense that it is sent only to our members; I am not speaking for LARC in some other publication or public forum. Therefore, I do feel free to express my personal opinions on a wide range of topics herein, and I do not see the need to further label this column as a personal opinion column. This would be redundant. I am a member of several political and activist organizations and I am very careful to preface any public remarks I make with a caution that I am not speaking for my organization, unless, of course, I have been authorized to do so by some authority. LARC members should be aware that, should others be elected to LARC offices, those individuals should, but may not, be as careful as I am in this regard.

de KK3K

Upgrade With LARC Library

Don't forget that LARC has a FREE library of study materials to get started as a Novice or to upgrade to a higher class of license. The materials are available for the asking, just return them when you are done.

Just address your request to the club's post office box.



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Member Correspondence

New members Mike (NG3M) and Julie (N3FNI) Haladay checked into the east coast Sunday evening net on October 16th. LARC members on frequency welcomed both Mike and Julie and wished Julie good luck with her upcoming 13 wpm code test in her efforts to upgrade to General Class.

Irv (AF2K) had a new roof installed at his QTH which caused some disruption to station operations, but his station is fully functional again.

Kim (WB8ROE) sent along several nice contributions to the LARC Lending Library: two Morsemaster II CW trainer boards and documentation, a "Tune in the World" kit complete with code

practice tapes, and an ARRL License Manual. The Morsemaster boards require a power supply and BCD speed switch, and one needs a readily available chip. Anyone who would like to use these materials or any other item in the FREE Lending Library should contact Jim at the club post office box. Thanks for the generous contribution, Kim!

Golden Gate Chapter News

Our chapter in San Francisco, continues to be very active. They are currently conducting their membership renewal drive. The October meeting was held at Trish's (WA6UBE) QTH in San Jose. The discussion centered on

keeping in touch via various VHF and UHF repeaters. They are also planning ahead to the AIDS Bike-A-Thon for May 1989. Seven members were reported to have spent Halloween evening in the Castro walking around with earphones in their ears and talking into little boxes" — an unusual "trick or treat" approach!

Calls Heard Recently

SSB: NG3M, N3FNI, WB5MEI, K4UW, AF2K, KK3K, W9BVD, WB8ROE, NS2V, K3ATI, KC3XC, W6BM, KA3SSF, WB6LYI, WB6YYZ, WA0CFQ, W9HRQ, WA1EIG, WA6FHI, KA8UHL

CW: KA8UHL, WB8ROE, VE3DOO (former LARC member), KK3K, WA0CFQ

Holiday Cheer!

By Don (WB6LYI, Long Beach, CA), LARC V.P.

Here we are ... another year is drawing to a close, the second slate of club officers in the club's history is being elected to their posts, and membership is on the rise with improving band conditions. All in all, I'd say that things are definitely looking up!

This has been quite a year for LARC. A record number of members were able to make it to the Dayton Hamvention ... the LARC Lending Library of license study materials was started ... the LARC Certificate Awards Program began ... our public relations drive began to produce results ... and my ad to sell my excess station gear has now run for a full year!

There will be even better and more exciting things happening in 1989 as LARC continues to grow and mature.

Personally, as your editor of the NEWS, I have loved putting it together for you. I am proud that it helps LARC to convey a better image and attract new members into the club. I am hoping to make improvements to the publishing system in the coming months ahead. The major improvement will be converting

the laser printer into a PostScript laser printer. This will afford much more flexibility and will free up about 12 MB of disk storage used to store fonts for the laser printer currently in use. One of the chief benefits of using PostScript in the laser printer will be the availability of graphics and illustrations to dress up the NEWS. But, one thing at a time! I also want to expand the public relations program into the international gay press during the coming year, as well as to continue to work with the domestic gay press here to increase the club's visibility. Who knows, maybe we'll make it into the mainstream ham radio press in 1989.

During the past two years as LARC Vice President, I have had the pleasure of working with the finest Executive Committee anyone could ever wish for: Jim (KK3K), President; Irv (AF2K), Secretary; and Bob (KA8UHL), Treasurer. My thanks to you guys for making my stint the fun job it has been!

That's it for now ... Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year ... see you in 1989!

Technical Corner

Credit goes to LARC member Howard (W9BVD) for pinpointing a weak link in the AEA Packrat PK-64 packet radio TNC circuitry. Howard and Jim (KK3K) both purchased PK-64's about the same time a couple of years ago. Both began to have trouble with their TNC's recently. Symptoms were system crashes, intermittent operation, and complete failure of the TNC to operate. Howard suspected a couple of transistors just downstream from the power supply sources and located one in particular that runs very hot. Howard replaced this transistor with a new one purchased from Radio Shack for 59¢ and it did the trick! Howard also fashioned a small chimney out of scrap aluminum to place over the replacement transistor to help dissipate the heat. He also told Jim about the cure and Jim replaced the same transistor and also added an aluminum chimney. Both TNC's are now alive and well thanks to Howard's cure! If you own a Packrat PK-64 and you are experiencing similar problems with it, contact Howard (W9BVD) for more information on how to troubleshoot and correct the problem.

(Do you have some technical information to share with other LARC members? Worked on your antennas, rigs or a special project lately? Why not send in a write-up for our technical corner?)

LARC News: November 1985

Two travelogues: Dale (WA0CFQ) who toured the east coast and Jim (KK3K) who toured Scandinavia. LARC established a club bank account and a proposal for a LARC Constitution and By-Laws is made. Nominations are

sought for the first LARC election. A poll of the membership results is a dues structure to be implemented. LARC member Mark (now KC3XC) passes Novice examination and is issued call KA3OPD.

The LARC Executive Committee

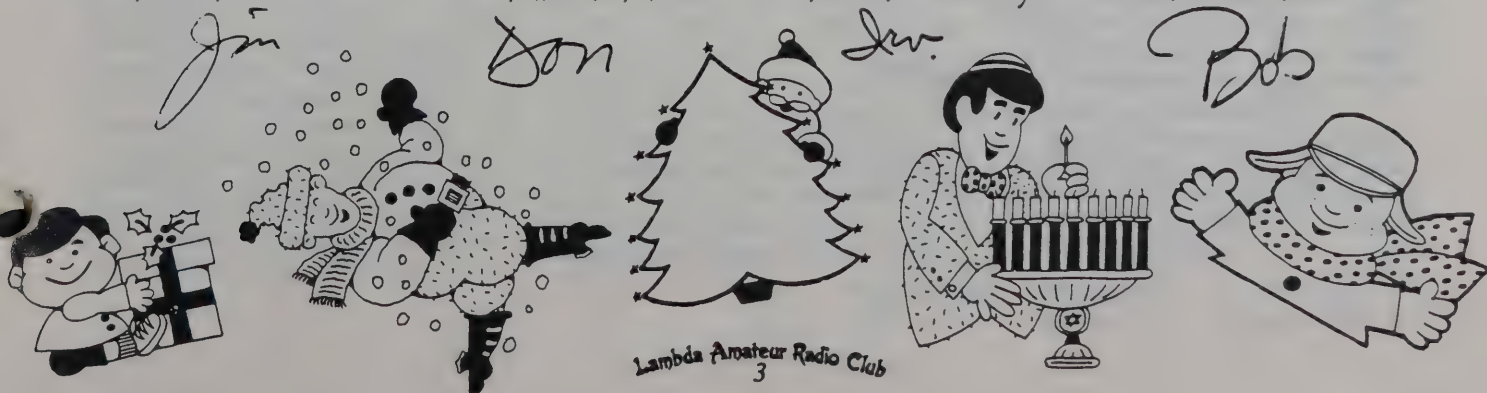
Wish You and Yours the Very Best of Season's Greetings!

Jim, KK3K, President

Don, WB6LYI, V.P.

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Bob, KA8UHL, Treasurer



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Ten Meter Sked Comes Alive

The LARC 10 meter schedule has begun to afford opportunities for LARC members to contact each other nationwide. On Sunday, October 11th, LARC members from different areas of the country were able to establish contact on 28.4265 MHz, and an enjoyable QSO ensued. On frequency were Vic (WB5MEI, Dallas, TX), Bob (WB6YYZ, Santa Monica, CA), Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA), Dale (WA0CFQ, Wellsville, KS), and Ken (WB5JAR, Aurora, CO). LARC members are reminded that this sked meets in a band segment that is open to all classes of licenses, from Novice to Extra. Also, remember to check above and below 28.425 MHz because of QRM, etc. As propagation on 10 continues to improve, this sked should be one of our best with a high number of check-ins. Don't forget to check out this sked especially if you are a Novice, Technician, or outside of the U.S.. See you on the LARC 10 meter sked!

LARC Election Ballots Mailed To Membership

In accordance with the LARC Constitution and By-Laws, the bi-annual LARC elections will be conducted during November and December. Ballots listing candidates who have agreed to serve if elected will be mailed to all active members of LARC in November. Ballots will be tabulated by Bill (K9AT) and Larry (WB9LOZ). The deadline for return of ballots will be December 15, 1988. If you do not receive your ballot by November 25th,

please contact the club for a ballot by calling Jim or writing to LARC, P.O. Box 24810, Philadelphia, PA 19130. Please be sure to vote!

LARC Membership Renewals To Be Mailed In December

LARC membership renewal forms will be mailed to the entire membership during December by club Treasurer Bob (KA8UHL). Membership in LARC runs from January through December each year. Returned renewal forms help club officers keep membership information up to date. Dues are \$10 per year, \$5 for dues paying local chapter members. Since dues provide most of our operating funds, we hope that all members will send in a check. However, no one will be denied membership if they are unable to contribute. The LARC Executive Committee would like to emphasize that the club must receive each member's renewal form whether the member pays dues or not. If we do not receive a renewal form, we cannot continue to mail out newsletters since we just be certain of each member's correct address. Look for your LARC renewal form in December and be sure to mail it in promptly!

San Diego Paper Runs Article On LARC

New member Eric Nelson (WA0KVD) sent in a copy of an article which ran in the August 10th issue of *The Update*, a San Diego gay and lesbian newspaper. This article contained a nice profile of the club and our activities. The article was based on the press release and mailing of July 1988.

Welcome New Members

Eric Nelson (WA0KVD) lives in San Diego and is a General Class ham who is interested in bodybuilding in addition to ham radio. He wants to put up a tower at his QTH, but he writes that the proposed tower is a "touchy subject around here!" Keep us posted, Eric!

Bob Hamilton (WA0S) lives in St. Louis, MO and has HF, VHF, and UHF capabilities. Bob writes that he "has been hoping there was a gay club or net out there."

Tim Winfield (WA9LKD) lives in Council Bluffs, IA. Tim has a Ten Tec Triton IV and an Atari 1040ST computer, but no antennas currently in the air.

Ron Powell (W6MYN) is a General Class ham who lives in Altadena, CA and enjoys travelling in his RV when he can. Ron spends most of his time on 2 meters and 450.

Mike Carroll (NV4J) of Riverview, FL is an Extra Class amateur. He likes music and computers and has a Tandy Model 100.

Stuart Hill (G0BEV) is a Class A amateur who resides in Newcastle upon Tyne, England. Class A hams have privileges in all bands and all modes in the U.K. Stuart writes that he enjoys 20th Century literature and music, swimming and personal fitness, travel, motorcycling, and many scientific pursuits. His local packet BBS is GB7TVM-2 and he expects to have a 10 meter dipole up soon.

Phil Hutchings (G8LRD) lives in Wiltshire, England. He is a Class B ham and his station includes and ICOM IC-260E and Acorn Master 128 BBC computer.

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President's Key

By Jim (KK3K, PT) (Philadelphia, PA)

I took some flack for my recent opinion piece on Dukakis published in this column a couple of months ago. I received several thoughtful, stimulating letters, and I would like to thank those who wrote me for sharing their reactions to my article. I wish that more of those who wrote had written their letters in a fashion that would have permitted publication here in the LARC news, but unfortunately, most were really personal letters rather than rebuttals. I didn't mind the heat I got for my opinions about "The Duke." When you write an opinion piece on a controversial subject you must expect to receive some criticism. However, I was disturbed by the comments of one member who felt that my article and coverage of my arrest for civil disobedience were inappropriate for the newsletter because they do not have anything to do with ham radio. I feel strongly that such articles are appropriate because LARC is not just a ham radio club; it is a ham radio club for lesbians and gay men. As such, it is supposed to provide opportunities for its members to share their experiences, not only about ham radio, but about other aspects of their lives as well. If all a person wants to read about is pure ham radio then QST, 73 Amateur Radio, or CQ are available and a local 2 meter repeater club would do just fine. But LARC has more to offer its members and the newsletter editor has always welcomed input from the membership on ham radio subjects as well as subjects of personal interest such as travel, hobbies, vacations, etc. All LARC members are encouraged to submit articles or letters to the newsletter editor for publication. LARC's Lambda Net News is your newsletter. If you're unhappy with the content, it's up to you to write an article and improve it with your involvement! de KK3K

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Brian Mulleady (GM1PVG) of Stirlingshire, Scotland is also a Class B ham. His interests include classical and rock music, going to the cinema and concerts, politics, and eating out! His station includes a Kenwood TS120S, TS201A, Yaesu FRG7000 receiver, and his antennas include a TB1 Rotary Dipole and co-linear on 144 MHz.

LARC Membership Continues To Soar

With the addition of our latest new members, we now have 107 active members in LARC. This is the first time the active membership has risen above the 100 level. The increase in membership is due in part to the organizing done by our two chapters, especially the Golden Gate Chapter, and to the excellent

national publicity campaign currently being conducted by LARC V.P. Don (WB6LYI). We are everywhere ... and the letters and inquiries keep coming in!

Member Correspondence From Around The World

Pete (G4ORX) recently forwarded three letters from hams in England who are interested in joining LARC. [We are delighted to welcome them as new members, see above.-Ed] Pete ran an advertisement for the club in a magazine called "Gay Times," and the responses have begun to come in. Many thanks to Pete for his successful efforts.

Ken Noll (WB5JAR) is back on the air from Aurora, CO. Ken has gone back to work in airport security after a tough period of unemployment due to difficult

About That Renewal Form

By Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI, Long Beach, CA), V.P. LARC

There seems to be a great deal of confusion regarding membership renewal and dues. Let me explain.

When LARC sends you its annual membership renewal form to fill out and send back, two different things are happening at the same time.

First and most important is the renewal form. The purpose of the renewal form is to make sure we have your current mailing address. Other members are very cautious that information about them may accidentally be received by someone unintentionally. Also, since postage is our single biggest annual expense, we want to make sure that the money you give is spent to mail out the newsletter to members who want to receive it.

Second is the payment of annual dues of \$10 (\$5 if you also pay dues to a local chapter of LARC). Remember: No one has ever been denied membership in LARC because of the inability to pay dues.

Send your renewal form back promptly so we can check our records and keep the NEWS coming to you!

economic conditions in his area. Ken plans to check in to the LARC nets when he is not working on alternate Sundays. He is using an FT-401B and a rotatable dipole. Listen for Ken on our 10 meter sked.

Vic (WB5MEI) has joined the ranks of the LARC members running PC clone machines. He recently purchased a computer running an 80286 microprocessor, as well as an AEA PK-232 all mode interface, so he'll be up on packet radio before long!

Calls Heard On The Air Recently

On CW: WB8ROE, WA0CFQ, VE3DOO, KK3K

On SSB: W9BVD, AF2K, KK3K, NS2V, K3ATI, KC3XC, K4UW, WB5MEI, WB8ROE, KA1MQX, WB5JAR, WB6YYZ, WA0CFQ

News From The Outback

By Dale Clark (WAOCPQ, Wellsville, KS)

I left home on Saturday, August 6th for a west coast vacation and one bus and two planes later I arrived in the San Francisco Bay area. I visited Bill (K9AT) and Larry (WB9LOZ) and we went out to the Sausage Factory, a popular restaurant in the Castro District. I also took in some of the sights in the Castro and the city.

On Thursday, August 11th, I attended a meeting of the Golden Gate Chapter of LARC. I was surprised to see 14 members present out of a total chapter membership of 29. The meeting was at Reese's (WB6EOB) QTH, held at a clubhouse in his apartment complex in Fremont, CA. The Golden Gate Chapter is a real active organization with monthly social trips to points of interest around northern and central California, like a trip to a railroad museum at Rio Vista and a trip to Angel Island. Few radio clubs have anything like this to offer. I wish I could be around to go on some of their field trips — what a great idea!

On Friday, August 12th, I headed south in my rental car to southern California. I installed my Kenwood TH-205 handi-talkie in the rental car using the lighter socket and a 5/8 wave magnetic mount antenna on the roof. I decided to drive down U.S. Highway 101 and 1, rather than boring, dull I-5 through the San Joaquin Valley. The scenery was beautiful and the weather was excellent as I made my way south

from San Francisco. I made a meal and fuel stop at Pismo Beach, a beautiful beach community situated at the point where U.S. 101 touches the coast before going inland again. Further south about 75 miles, U.S. 101 then rejoins the coast for a beautiful run along the coast past Santa Barbara, Ventura, and Oxnard. At Oxnard I got on to Highway 1 and drove south past Malibu, Pepperdine University and on into Santa Monica. I had many nice QSO's with hams over repeaters in Santa Maria, Santa Barbara, and Oxnard.

I arrived in Santa Monica and went to Bob's (WB6YYZ) QTH. He directed me in on 2 meters and after a few wrong turns here and there — I finally arrived. I had a nice "eyeball" with Bob and he showed me his shack. He also showed me his restored Model A Ford and his beautiful home. California real estate prices never cease to amaze me! Bob is currently using an indoor attic antenna. He did have a Butternut vertical outside, but a crazy old woman in one of the nearby apartment buildings claimed it was attracting UFO's and making her hair fall out! Bob took the antenna down and the complaints stopped. California is anything but dull!

After I left Bob's QTH, I headed down to Oceanside to visit another friend (non-ham). I had a very nervous and scary trip down the I-405, called the San Diego Freeway, and I-5 down to

Oceanside. All traffic follows within 5 feet of each other and one has to be extremely alert for slow-downs, etc. The vent in the car was sucking in exhaust fumes and the famous Los Angeles smog. It was too cool for the air conditioning to be one. I finally arrived in Oceanside nervous, sick, and exhausted. I visited several of the sights around Oceanside during the next few days. Afterward, I headed back north again. I was disappointed in the Los Angeles repeaters. I was unable to get into most of them. A lot of them are private and require PL access, so I did little operating while I was there. Also, one must be super-alert to drive the freeways, so it is best to concentrate on driving anyway. I visited a ham friend in Fresno (not a LARC member) before heading back to the Bay Area. The San Joaquin Valley repeaters were very good. Many of them are located in the Sierra mountains and offer tremendous coverage of the San Joaquin and Sacramento Valleys.

All in all, I had a very pleasant trip. I'm looking forward to a return trip at Christmas time.



Informing the NEWS

I've been asked by a number of our members for guidelines on how to submit information to the NEWS. So, here's some ways that really help me to put the stories together faster and make the NEWS much more interesting for our members.

Sending Diskettes

You can send your stories or idea or outline for a story that you'd like to see in the NEWS on diskette. It must be an IBM-PC compatible disk of 360K format. It

is very helpful to create a little file called "READ.ME" to explain what information is contained in each named file on the disk. Also, I prefer files made with WordPerfect 4.2 or 5.0 (please specify) or ASCII text files.

Sending Stories By CIS

When using CompuServe, send me your information contained in an EasyPlex mail message to 75116,2506. I'll download it and take care of the conversion to my publishing system.

Sending Hardcopy

Of course, you can send me your idea or story in hardcopy paper and I'll write the story for you.

What I Cannot Do

I am not able to accept information via packet radio at this time.

Where To Mail It

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Net Newsbits

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

LARC Press Release Draws Attention Nationwide

The LARC press release prepared by LARC V.P. Don (WB6LYI) and mailed to 135 different gay and lesbian publications nationwide in August has begun to pay off for the club in terms of new members. Articles were run in gay publications in Philadelphia, Kansas City, San Jose, San Diego, and Los Angeles. The Advocate is also considering a feature article on our past struggle with the ARRL. Persons who saw these articles have contacted the club and several new members have since joined LARC after learning about the club through the articles. LARC President Jim (KK3K) was contacted by phone by a reporter from The News, published in Los Angeles, for an interview. Jim was also contacted by a reporter from the Philadelphia Gay News for additional information prior to the publication of an article in PGN. The other Philadelphia gay publication, Au Courant also ran information about LARC.

Los Angeles Gay Newspaper Challenges ARRL Ad Policy

Sandy Dwyer, a reporter for the Los Angeles gay and lesbian newspaper The News, contacted LARC President Jim in response to the LARC press release recently mailed nationwide. Sandy was particularly interested in the dispute between LARC and the ARRL, which has refused to run ads for LARC. Jim explained some of the difficulties LARC has had with the League. Sandy asked for the name of an official at the ARRL

who could comment on the dispute and Jim referred her to QST publisher Dave Sumner, K1ZZ. In an article authored by Sandy in a recent issue of The News, she included excerpts of a conversation she had with Sumner about LARC and the League advertising policy. Sumner was "unable to explain" inconsistencies in the ARRL policy in relation to the LARC issue, according to Dwyer. LARC appreciates the efforts of Sandy Dwyer and The News in bringing community pressure to bear on the homophobic ARRL.

Welcome New Members

Welcome aboard to the following new members of LARC:

Mike Haladay (NG3M) and Julie Haladay (N3FNI), 139 Front St., Souderton, PA 18964. Julie is Pastor of a gay and lesbian church in Bucks County, PA

Larry Maso (NU4B), 9003 B Creekside Lane, Knoxville, TN.

Jim Hanson (WB7BYN), 4605 S. Priest #35, Tempe, AZ 85282.

Golden Gate Chapter News

The GGC met on September 8th and the meeting included a round table discussion on "how I got into ham radio." Advertising the club in the local gay and lesbian press was also discussed. The San Jose paper ran a large write-up on LARC in the September 7th issue. Other topics discussed were: helping people to get licensed and learn the code; a discussion of where to send people to get study materials; a proposal to acquire several copies of "Tune In the World With Ham Radio;" and information relating to a change in the FCC exam questions which may come about this fall. The

next outing will be a Bar-B-Que and the next meeting was set for October 13th. There was also a discussion about the outreach efforts to the lesbian community which are being made by the chapter.

Members' Correspondence

Bill (K9AT) and Larry (WB9LOZ) spent several weeks on the East Coast visiting family and friends. They flew into Washington DC the weekend of August 24th and were hosted by Howard (W9BVD) and his roommate, Bob. Bill and Larry also got to meet several other LARC members of the Potomac Chapter during their stay. They left Washington by train for Philadelphia where Jim (KK3K) and his lover Dan entertained them on August 27th. After leaving Philly on August 28th, they headed north by train to New York where they planned to visit a friend before heading on to Boston and New Hampshire to visit Larry's family. Bill and Larry also planned to meet LARC member Nick (KA1MQX) while in Boston.

World traveler and LARC member Dave (WD8IKB) sent in a post card from the "cruise" ship M/S Daphne postmarked Skagway, Alaska! Dave must have tired of the extreme heat this summer and decided to cool off in a big way! We'll look for a report on the sights in our 49th state from Dave in a future issue.

Nick (KA1MQX) wrote in to defend Massachusetts' favorite son candidate Mike Dukakis. Nick says that: 1) All politicians are crooks, and 2) Politics is the art of the possible. Nick also points out that two openly gay House members

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President's Key

By Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

In the next few months, we will be electing members to serve as LARC Officers for the term 1989-1990. I think the current slate of Officers has served with distinction and perhaps some will decide to run again in the upcoming election. However, some of the responsibilities which I have been handling from Philadelphia should be delegated to the appropriate elected or appointed Officer during the next term. For example, the Treasurer of LARC should be prepared to conduct the yearly dues and membership renewal drive. The Secretary of LARC should be prepared to handle the majority of the correspondence for the club, including inquiries from non-members. The Vice President will need to conduct a review of the LARC Constitution and By-Laws during 1989. Of course, each Officer will be able to rely upon others in the club for help with his or her chores and we will get the job done. It is time to decentralize responsibilities so that LARC is stronger and more viable and not as dependent upon one or two individuals for its survival. I hope each of you will carefully consider running for a LARC office because we need your help and involvement. It is also very rewarding and a lot of fun. Why not give it a try?

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come from Massachusetts (Studds and Frank), as well as a pro-gay Senator. And he gives part of the credit for that to the atmosphere created by Governor Dukakis.

On September 11th, 9 LARC members and family members attended the Gaithersburg, MD hamfest. In attendance were Howard (W9BVD), Marc (KC3XC) and his roommate Stuart, Jerry (WA4MKL), Duane (K4UW) and his roommate Gary, Jim (KK3K), and Dick (K3AKK) and his roommate Joe. The weather was excellent — sunny and in the 80's. After the hamfest, the group had cocktails and dinner. A good time was had by all!

Rob Magro (KA2EGO) has relocated due to a job transfer. His new address is 6020-I Gray Gate Lane, Charlotte, NC 28210. We wish Rob good luck with his job and new QTH. Rob plans to get back on the air soon.

Tom Hendrix (KI4ZN, LARC's Award Program Administrator) and his roommate Dick have sold their home in Clemmons, NC and moved into their new home in Winter Springs, Florida on September 30th. Their new address is 394 Bahama Road, Winter Springs, FL 32708. Tom and Dick's new home is situated on two acres and the large 3500 sq. ft. home sits back 300 ft. from the road. Sounds like plenty of room for an antenna

farm, so we'll hope to hear Tom back on the air soon from sunny Florida!

LARC V.P. Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI) reports that he has started a new job as General Manager of the Trimmer Lawn Mower Company in Gardena, CA. He says they manufacture the most expensive lawn mower you can buy and that they last 20 to 30 years! Don is actively involved in sales and marketing of the firm's products worldwide. Good luck, Don!

LARC Members To Participate In Quilt Weekend Events In D.C.

The NAMES PROJECT will be sponsoring a return of the Quilt to the mall in Washington DC during the weekend of October 8-9. The Quilt is constructed of panels commemorating men and women who have died of AIDS. It was first displayed during the March On Washington during October 1987. AIDS activist organizations will also convene in Washington during the weekend to conduct workshops and protest the federal government's foot dragging on AIDS. LARC members Jim (KK3K) and Bob (KA8UHL) are planning to be in Washington during the weekend.

Member Mail

(Editor: This article is in response to a recent President's Key column and Member Mail article.)

Jim (KK3K) and Don (W6DBZ) each wrote articles which at least made me think, but I feel obliged to reply. I can certainly agree with Don's statement regarding "the airing of political views, even when I disagree with them", and I think Jim makes some good points, however I remain unconvinced.

First, I object to Jim's writing his opinions in the President's Key column as I feel that members (or others) reading them there could easily mistake his personal views as the "official" club position. I don't believe that's what he intended, but if he feels it necessary to air his political opinions, I think he ought to make a separate article out of them and clearly label them as his individual opinion.

On a more philosophical note, my experiences and thoughtful consideration of history have convinced me that all true freedom is based on economic freedom. Freedom of religion, the right to free speech, the right to demonstrate, etc. are all meaningless if one has nothing to eat, or no roof over his/her head. If one is utterly dependant on "the state," or any other entity, for survival then the right to protest or pray or do anything else is worthless as you will of necessity have to do whatever "they" say, simply to survive.

I believe the Democratic Congress with Carter at the helm, very nearly destroyed the economy of our country with double digit inflation, unemployment, and interest rates, and runaway taxation. Had those policies continued we would surely be in dire straits today. In a depressed economy, the most oppressed groups will suffer first, suffer hardest, and suffer longest. The only way we can gain our legitimate rights is in an expanding economy, when people are able and willing to experiment with new ideas.

As long as the liberals of this country continue to argue over how to redistribute a static or shrinking economic pie instead of how to insure the continued

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growth of the pie, then I feel forced to vote my wallet.

I'm not a single issue voter, and if presented with a strong Gay rights candidate with good (or even just moderately poor) economic ideas, I would likely vote for him/her. As Jim so aptly pointed out however, neither Bush nor Dukakis is sympathetic to our cause, and the Democrats and Dukakis are still mired in the old destructive economic policies of the past. I frankly don't know much about Ms. Fulani's economic ideas (though I would like to), but there is no reasonable chance she will be elected and I'm not willing to sacrifice my vote in what appears to be a close election, on a candidate with no chance to win. Given that neither likely winner in the fall is really on "our" side, I see no choice but to vote for Vice Pres. Bush and to continue to work to see that in the ensuing period of economic growth and prosperity we get our fair chance to live out our particular idea of the American Dream.

I appreciate the rich diversity of views and opinions represented in the Gay community, and I'm sure many of you won't agree with my particular views expressed above, but I hope we can agree to disagree for now, and continue to learn from and teach each other as we all struggle to find the best way to win our long sought-after rights in this fine country.

73 de WA4ITY

Dayton Hamvention Photos Available

If you would to receive an 8x10 color photo of the group picture taken at the Dayton Hamvention this year, send your request and your check for \$5 payable to Jim Kelly at the club's P.O. Box 24810, Philadelphia, PA 19130

Some Days Are Like That!

By Charles Garner (WA4ITY, Waynesboro, VA)

It really started the day before. Lenny said come help him take down a tower - it'll only be 3 or 4 hours. Do you remember your mother/wife heading into the shopping mall saying "I'll only be a few minutes???" Yeah, right! Anyway, 10 hours later I was back home trying to mow the lawn in the dark. That's not a good idea. I found a brick with my lawn mower and bent about 4 inches of the blade down so it resembles a plow more than a mower blade.

The next day all my neighbors were away, so I couldn't even find a mower to borrow. Since I couldn't find a mower to finish the yard with, I decided to clip the neighbors hedge which I'd volunteered to do in a weak moment. I got out the electric shears and saw some vines growing along side the house I thought I ought to clean up before they got worse. In the process of clipping them I suddenly saw a couple flashes of light!! You guessed it, I cut through the extension cord to the shears (and blew the fuse of course). Disgusted with myself, I replaced the fuse and decided to repair the extension cord. I thought as long as I was doing it, I ought to do it right, and got some big heat shrink

around the whole cord, and some smaller heat shrink around the individual wires and started to solder them together. No, I didn't shock myself - I had at least remembered to unplug the cord first! I did however manage to make one connection so big I couldn't get the heat shrink over it, so I heated it up to pull it back apart and make it smaller. In the process I dripped solder onto my leg (I was in shorts), and blistered it, and when that happened, I dropped the solder gun, bending the tip and burning a hole in the living room carpet!

Finally, I did manage to get the cord back together and finish the hedge. Then the neighbors came home, I borrowed their mower and finished the lawn, and finally collapsed in my chair. Sitting there draining the blisters on my leg, I decided I surely ought to be able to blame such a run of bad luck, misfortune, and ineptitude on someone other than myself! So I thought I'd write this article and publicly place the blame squarely on the shoulders of the man who clearly deserves it and who started it all - THANKS LENNY!!!! 73 and hope you'll had a better day than that one!

Informing the NEWS

I've been asked by a number of our members for guidelines on how to submit information to the NEWS. So, here's some ways that really help me to put the stories together faster and make the NEWS much more interesting for our members.

Sending Diskettes

You can send your stories or idea or outline for a story that you'd like to see in the NEWS on diskette. It must be an IBM-PC compatible disk of 360K format. It is very helpful to create a little file called "READ.ME" to explain what information is contained in each named file on the disk. Also, I prefer files made with WordPerfect 4.2 or 5.0 (please specify) or ASCII text files.

Sending Stories By CIS

When using CompuServe, send me your information contained in an EasyPlex mail message to 75116,2506. I'll download it and take care of the conversion to my publishing system.

Sending Hardcopy

Of course, you can send me your idea or story in hardcopy paper and I'll write the story for you.

What I Cannot Do

I am not able to accept information via packet radio at this time.

Where To Mail It

Mail your diskettes or hardcopy to me at P.O. Box 91299, Long Beach, CA 90809-1299.

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Did You Receive A Mangled Newsletter?

Several members have reported receiving only one page of the last newsletter. The last issue, July-August 1988, consisted of two sheets plus a nominations form for the upcoming LARC elections. If you did not receive all pages, please write Jim at the club POB and I will send you another copy.

Nominations For LARC Officers Sought

Everyone should have received a nominations form with the July-August newsletter. Please note that the nominations form had one error — nominations are being sought for Secretary, not Treasurer as listed on the form (the Treasurer is appointed by the President). If you didn't get a nominations form, write to Jim (at P.O. Box 24810, Philadelphia, PA 19130) or simply send your nomination for LARC President, Vice President, and Secretary to the club POB. Remember, these are nominations only; the election ballots will be prepared and mailed later.

For Corrections To Published LARC Skeds See This Issue

We apologize for the confusion about some of the LARC net skeds. It is tough to coordinate this information when people are spread out over a distance of 3,000 miles, four time zones, and then throw in daylight saving time!

The national SSB sked is at the same ZULU/GMT/UTC (take your pick!) year round: 1900Z on 14.325, 1930Z on 21.425, and 2000Z on 28.425 (+/- QRM of course).

The eastern nets are at the same LOCAL time year round: Thursday SSB at 6:30PM on 3.860, then

6:40PM on 7.235 (new frequency) if propagation is better on 40 meters. Sunday morning CW at 11:00AM on 7.140 and Sunday evening SSB at 9:45PM on 3.860.

The western skeds are listed correctly on the last page in the skeds box.

We encourage everyone who has tried unsuccessfully to make one of our nets try again now that the summer is over and fall will bring better operating conditions and more check-ins. The club has grown a lot since the spring and we may have many new members who are eager to check-in to the nets. Summertime is not always the best time to look for the LARC nets because so many of our members are on vacation, at the beach, etc. However, this fall and winter we should have large turnouts on our nets. Check-in and see!

Members Correspondence

Pete (G4ORX) has decided to sell his house and move in with his roommate Peter. His new address is: Pete Baggett, 10 Wharfedale Street, Wednesbury, West Midlands, WS10 9AG, United Kingdom. Pete is always glad to hear from any LARC member and answers letters promptly. Pete and Peter are planning to go on holiday for a week to Amsterdam in September.

Nick (KA1MQX) writes that, with the heat wave on the East coast during the summer, he hasn't done much operating, just "vegging" in the air conditioning. Now that the cool weather is returning, we hope to hear the MIT station W1MX check-in to our skeds with Nick at the mike.

Congratulations to Bill (KA8TZX) who has recently upgraded to General Class! Bill has always been active on SSB but he has had to rely on other hams

to act as control ops, now he can rag chew as much as he wants on his own. We'll be looking for Bill to check-in on the LARC SSB nets from now on.

Congratulations, to Ralph Samuelson on his newly issued callsign N6SVG!

Welcome To New Members

This month we welcome 11 new members: Ralph Samuelson (N6SVG, Stanford, CA), Steve Gangi (KB6PHX, North Hollywood, CA), Richard Bowman-Brown (KA7FYC, Missoula, MT), Patricia Gibbons (WA6UBE, San Jose, CA), Alan Smith (call pending, San Francisco, CA), Stan Cooper (K4DRD, San Francisco, CA), Robert Kosta (call pending, Temple Hills, MD), Tom Vaesicca (N6SPG, San Francisco, CA), Marc Sosnick (KB6YGC, Pacifica, CA), E.J. Emmons (KB6YGD, Pacifica, CA), and John Cressey (W3IWL, College Park, MD).

Many of our new members are also members of the Golden Gate Chapter of LARC, and two of our new members are also members of the Potomac Chapter. Our Chapters continue to be most effective in terms of growth and membership.

Again, a hearty WELCOME to all of our new members!

Golden Gate Chapter News

The LARC Golden Gate Chapter in San Francisco now boasts 29 members! The guys and gals in "Gay and Lesbian Mucca" can be proud of the fact that their membership is a substantial segment of the total LARC membership, and they have accomplished this after only one year of existence!

The monthly meeting during August was held at the QTH of

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President's Key

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

WELL, THE SUMMER IS OVER, and I am eager to get back to the rig and do some operating! One of the things

I have to do is make a few improvements to my operating position. I noticed recently that I am reluctant some times to turn the rig on simply because I'm not pleased with the physical layout of my shack. It is nothing major, I just need to reorganize my desk and equipment so that it is more comfortable and so that, when I come into the shack I'm tempted to turn on the rig rather than turn away from it! Funny how a little thing like position of the equipment can get into the way of enjoying the hobby. You can bet that I'm going to work on the shack right away.

A FEW DAYS AGO I was scanning the 40 meter band when I came across a fellow calling CQ special event station. I listened for a short time and nobody came back, so I gave him a call. He was glad to make the contact and he gave me all the info on the certificate that was available. I have always enjoyed collecting "wallpaper," although it has been a while since I have received a new certificate. So, I mailed off my QSL and am now waiting for my certificate so I can put something recent up on the wall so it doesn't look like I stopped operating ham radio for some unexplained reason three years ago! It was fun to work the special event station. Now, when I turn on the rig, I scan the band to see if there are special event stations on that I can work. I used to do this all the time a few years back, but somehow I just got out of the habit. I forgot how much fun it was.

LAST THURSDAY, ON OUR LARC EAST COAST SSB NET, we were surprised when two new members checked in. It was great to meet two new members and to make two new friends. Both members came to that particular sked in an unusual fashion. Bob (NS2V) had written in for information on LARC and he had written that he could be found on a New York State traffic net in the evenings. I tried calling him one evening after the net, but instead I met LARC member Irv (AF2K) who also frequents the same net. Irv told me that Bob's call was familiar and that he would keep an eye out for him. Sure enough, that Thursday, Irv did contact Bob on the traffic net and brought him along to our LARC net. Rick (WA4HTH), a new member in Palm Coast, FL, had been trying to find us, but the sked info he had was inaccurate. He was scanning the bands an hour before the time he thought we were meeting when he came across my call, which he recognized from the correspondence! So, he broke in and discovered our Thursday evening sked in progress. All this excitement on one Thursday evening sked. Ain't ham radio beautiful!

de KK3K

Nominations For LARC Officers Sought

In accordance with the LARC Constitution & By-Laws, nominations for the office of LARC President, Vice President, and Secretary will be open through the month of September 1988. LARC members are encouraged to nominate individuals of their choice for LARC offices for the 1989-90 term. LARC members may also nominate themselves for office should they wish to do so. Nominated individuals must be members in good standing; members who renewed their LARC membership for 1988. Those nominated will be contacted by club officers to ascertain whether or not they wish to run for office and be listed on the LARC elections ballot. A ballot will then be prepared and the election will be conducted in November-December 1988. The nominations form was mailed with the July-August issue of the NEWS. You can also request another form from Jim at the club POB. Please nominate the persons of your choice and return the form to the club post office box as soon as possible. Nominations close September 30, 1988.

"Member Mail"

The following was received in response to a recent "President's Key" column. As always, we welcome your views and comments on any topic of interest to our members. -Ed.

I was pleased to see you take a political stand in your "President's Key" column in the Newsletter. I support the airing of political views, even when I disagree with them, as I did your recent column. I hope you will find it possible to publish my rebuttal.

All of us must be aware that all substandard civil rights are gained in the legislature and the courts, not in the executive branch of government. I don't challenge the facts you raised with respect to Dukakis. But I do question the wisdom of advising gay people to defeat him, and thus the clearly more liberal party he represents, when the only possible alternative is the reactionary platform espoused by Bush. Supreme Court vacancies will occur during the next presidency; would you prefer to have Bush nominate the replacements?

Your argument in favor of helping to seat a clear enemy rather than a less-than-desirable alternative reminds me of the guying beating his head against a wall because it feels so good when he stops. No athlete or general would ever opt for a stronger opponent because he's easier to identify. That's a losing strategy.

We need to gather our strengths and apply them against bigotry, ignorance and fear, wherever found. If a leader tries to disguise his record or his true feelings, then let us expose him/her. But let's not take the foolish position of withdrawing support from the party that has come closer to dealing with us fairly than the inevitable alternative. SUPPORT MIKE DUKAKIS AND THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY and be vigilant to detect and expose specific actions that are inimical to our interests as gay/lesbian people!

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views.

73, Don (W6DBZ)

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Reese (WD6EOB). Fourteen members were present, plus one visitor, Dale, WA0CFQ from Wellsville, KS. At the meeting it was decided to continue to operate the GGC as an "unstructured organization" rather than elect officers. The next meeting was set for September 8 at Kit and Arturo's QTH in San Francisco. The September GGC newsletter contained a nice editorial from John (W6BM), a "Welcome to the Women" article, details on a trip made by members to the Railroad Museum at Rio Vista, details on a trip to Angel Island State Park planned for August 28, details on a BBQ planned for September, a discussion of the possibility of using a UHF repeater, and also included information on how to modify Icom HT's to prevent some forms of desense and intermod. Keep up the good work, guys and gals!

Reminder: LARC Awards Program Underway

Just a note to remind you that you can receive an operating certificate from LARC by working 10 members and receiving their QSLs. The program administrator is Tom (KI4ZN), 1721 Brandywine Drive, Clemmons, NC 27012. Contact Tom for entry forms and submissions for your certificate. The award is a beautiful blue engraved certificate that you'll be proud to own.

Help the Library

The LARC Lending Library can always use your donations of old study materials for any class of license. It currently has a Novice Course and code practice tapes and soon other materials will be available. Check them out FREE! Just drop a note to Jim at the club POB and it'll be on the way!

From the Editor's Desk

By Don (WB6LYI, Long Beach, CA)

From time to time, I like to pause long enough to write a few words of my own for the NEWS. It seems that things are starting to happen fast and furious to "this little gang of mine."

One of the things the Executive Committee has been wrestling with since being elected by the membership is — what can we do to increase the visibility of LARC in the ham radio community? As you know, we tried to advertise in the mainstream ham radio publications to find those hams who are also gay/lesbian. We received a rather cool response. Now, we are working hard at the reverse; we're trying to find gays/lesbians who happen to also be hams or who would like to become hams. With this in mind, I began to search to gay publications around the U.S. and Canada. I found about 120 such publications. I prepared the standard LARC Background Information packet, enclosed the excellent ARRL ham radio brochure, added our first press release, and wrote a cover letter explaining why the press packet was being sent. The packets were mailed in late July. The real question is: Does this method work? After all, it's the results that count. So far, the answer is definitely ... YES! As far as we know, stories have been written about us in at least five regional gay publications and more membership inquiries are being received than ever before.

The Executive Committee was right in its hunch that we'd get a better reception from fellow gays/lesbians than to continue to beat on the straight, mainstream ham radio publishers.

This is now an ongoing program to reach out to gays/lesbians everywhere and to interest them in ham radio and to find fellow gay/lesbian hams. In addition, we are going to be approaching the 24 gay and lesbian radio/television programs around North America to do interviews and to talk about ham radio and LARC. If you know of such a local show in your area, please write and let me know. Write to me at P.O. Box 91299, Long Beach, CA 90809-1299 and I'll be sure to send them information about us. Be sure to include the radio/TV station, name of program, address of the station, and any other helpful information.

Another sidelight to getting the P.R. program going is that we'll be listed in the National GaYellow Pages and also the Community Yellow Pages in Southern California. I am also looking for other similar publications around the country. If there's one in your area, please tell me about it.

I am working out the bugs in getting the database system to export directly into the import facility of Ventura Publisher. When this is done, it will mean that producing membership rosters will become an easy task instead of the laborious process it is now. It will also mean that the rosters will be as accurate as it can be made. I hope to get this done by the next issue of the NEWS.

I am working hard to get the LARC "Worked All Membership" Award by collecting QSL cards from those of you I work. This is a very enjoyable aspect of the club's activities and I look forward to working all of you in the future!

On a personal note, I resigned from the sales position I had started only two months ago. I am looking at the prospect of going into business for myself. No decisions, yet — I'll let you all know how things work out. My "honey," Norm, was mugged while riding his bicycle some three weeks ago. They punched him off his bicycle, clubbed him in the knee, and then stole it from him. He's more upset about the loss of the bicycle than anything else and is recovering. This has him hobbling around on crutches (not easy in a two story house) and having to be referred to as "gimp" and "crip" by his witty friends. He's doing well and taking everything in stride.

So, that's what's been happening here in sunny Southern California. If you get a chance, drop me a note and let me know what you've been up to lately.

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By Jim (KK3K)

Dayton Group Photo Available

Large 8X10 color enlargements of the group picture taken at this year's Dayton Hamvention will soon be available. The cost will be \$5.00 which includes postage. If you would like to order an enlargement, make your check payable to Jim Kelly, c/o Lambda Amateur Radio Club and mail to P.O. Box 24810, Philadelphia, PA 19130.

News From England

Pete (G4ORX) writes that he finally has the use of his motorcycle again after five and a half months. The bike was damaged earlier this year in an accident and Pete has had to take the bus back and forth to work while waiting for the bike to be repaired. Pete also writes that while the infamous Section 28 has become law in England, it apparently lacks teeth due to some technicalities involving wording and interpretation. It appears that there may have been a conspiracy among those sympathetic to gays and lesbians to insure that the section in its final form would be ineffective. That is great news indeed!

Welcome To New Members

This month we have many new members. A hardy welcome aboard to all! Many of our new members are also members of the Golden Gate Chapter. Welcome aboard George Fisher (KC0KM, Minneapolis, MN), Mark Turner (Akron, OH), Cal Grissom (Louisburg, NC), Rick Knight (WA4HTH, Palm Coast, FL), Phil Jenkins (WD4LJV, Fairview, NC), Reese Miller (WD6EOB, Fremont, CA), Don Ravey (W6DBZ, San Mateo, CA), Al Hall (W6SGS, San Francisco, CA), and Kim Kochersperger (WB8ROE, West Milton, OH).

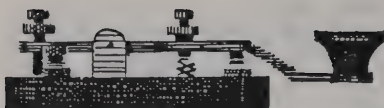
Advocate Advertising Renewed

Club Treasurer Bob (KA8UHL) has renewed the LARC ad in "The Advocate." The ad, even though it is small, continues to reach many interested individuals worldwide. Recently, the club received letters from interested persons living in the Ivory Coast (Africa) and in Great Britain. Both learned about the club via "The Advocate" ad!

LARC President Arrested In AIDS Demonstration

LARC President Jim (KK3K) has recently been working to organize a Philadelphia chapter of ACT-UP (AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power). ACT-UP is a direct action group dedicated to fighting AIDS with a variety of means, including civil disobedience. Jim has been acting as meetings facilitator for ACT-UP Philadelphia. On June 24th, Jim and nine other ACT-UP Philadelphia members were arrested by the Philadelphia Police in a civil disobedience action designed to call attention to the need for greater AIDS funding from the State of Pennsylvania. The ten demonstrators blocked traffic outside a hotel where Pennsylvania Governor has proposed only \$350,000 in his new state budget and has been silent on the AIDS issue since taking office over a year ago. Five days after the protest, a Pennsylvania legislator introduced a resolution increasing the AIDS budget figure by \$1.6 Million! Jim and the other nine arrested ACT-UP members returned for a court hearing on July 15th.

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President's Key

By Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

Well, now we have it; Lloyd and the Duke. Already the gay

and lesbian political pragmatists are flocking to their camp like lemmings, all the while wailing "how could we endure even four years of Bush?" Now is the time, however, for gays and lesbians to stop pissing away their votes on candidates who are anti-lesbian and anti-gay.

Dukakis is a homophobe. His record on gay and lesbian foster parenting identifies us as unfit to be parents. He refuses to budge on this. His record on AIDS is abysmal; he proposed no significant funding to fight AIDS prior to 1987. He cleared the way for insurance companies to require HIV testing in Massachusetts. He has flip-flopped on the issue of police infiltration of an AIDS activist group in Boston. He objected to explicit safe-sex brochures. The list goes on and on. How any gay or lesbian could bring himself or herself to pull the democratic lever in November escapes me. It would be self-destructive to do so.

There are alternatives to Dukakis/Benson, namely, Lenora Fulani of the New Alliance Party, who will be on the ballot in all 50 states. Her positions on our issues and a whole range of minority concerns are excellent and worthy of consideration. She is also right on the mark believing that the peoples of her coalition, including lesbians and gay men, will make progress toward equal rights when, and only when, we withdraw our support from the democrats and cost them an election! A vote for her, or another alternative candidate of your choice, will not be a wasted vote because it will at last send a message to the democrats that they can no longer simply count on our fear of the alternative to force us into their camp.

As for the prospect of a Bush presidency, lesbians and gays have never been in a better position to continue the fight against Reagan/Bush for another eight years, if necessary. We mobilized 600,000 strong last October to demonstrate that we are never going back. This year in October we will return to Washington, DC again to mourn our dead and demand federal action on AIDS. Activist organizations are springing up all across this country like never before to demand an end to the AIDS genocide of Ronald Reagan. I say it is better to focus on an enemy in the clear, like Bush, than to have to fight guerrilla warfare against a camouflaged but equally sinister and deadly foe like Dukakis.

For gay men and lesbians, the time for political pragmatism is past, if it ever existed at all. Dukakis makes no secret of his homophobia and his policies have cost gays and lesbians their lives in Massachusetts. When you go to the voting booth in November, make no secret of your disgust with him.

de KK3K

Nominations For LARC Officers Sought

In accordance with the LARC Constitution & By-Laws, nominations for the office of LARC President, Vice President, and Treasurer will be open through the month of September 1988. LARC members are encouraged to nominate individuals of their choice for LARC offices for the 1989-90 term. LARC members may also nominate themselves for office should they wish to do so. Nominated individuals must be members in good standing; members who renewed their LARC membership for 1988. Those nominated will be contacted by club officers to ascertain whether or not they wish to run for office and be listed on the LARC elections ballot. A ballot will then be prepared and the election will be conducted in November-December 1988. You will find a nominations form reproduced with this newsletter. Please nominate the persons of your choice and return the form to the club post office box as soon as possible. Nominations close September 30, 1988.

ARRL UPDATE — The Latest From the League

220 MHz (87-14) Special Report — ARRL Vows To Fight On

In the face of overwhelming public opposition, the Federal Communications Commission adopted its own proposal to reallocate the 220-222 MHz frequency band from the Amateur Service to private land mobile use on August 4, 1988.

The reallocation, proposed by FCC 18 months ago to address what it said were critical land mobile needs and a desire to promote spectrum-efficient technology, attracted strong criticism from the nation's 435,000 radio amateurs, many disaster-relief organizations, dozens of Congressmen and the Department of Defense, on its own behalf and that of the National Communications System. Yet it was not until United Parcel Service filed comments, six months late, that a significant user of the proposed new land-mobile band went on record as desiring the reallocation.

FCC tried to soften the blow by saying that the remaining 3 MHz would be available to amateurs on an exclusive basis. "It's nice that the Commissioners want to be seen as supporters of Amateur Radio, but actions speak louder than words," observed ARRL EVP David Sumner.

"We've lost a battle, but not the war," ARRL President Price commented.

"The League will continue to pursue every available administrative, judicial, and legislative remedy to ensure that radio amateurs have access to the spectrum they need to serve the public."

There's only a few weeks left to reverse the FCC's onerous decision by legislative means in the 100th Congress. Among other initiatives, we believe that sending letters, QSL cards, and calling the offices of key senators and congressmen will enhance our efforts on Capitol Hill. Please assist ARRL in retaining this spectrum for amateur use by picking up your pen or phone today.

A proposed amendment to pending legislation follows. Please read it, then voice your feelings to the key decision makers listed below. Don't forget your local representatives and congressmen.

Radio Spectrum Allocation: The Commission shall enforce the regulations, rules and policies in effect as of August 3, 1988, as they relate to the Amateur Radio Service in the 220-225 MHz frequency band as defined in 47 CFR Section 2.106 (Table of Frequency Allocations).

Rep. John D. Dingell (D-MI) Tel: (202) 225-4071, Room 2221 RHOB, Washington, D.C. 20515 Attn: John Orlando

Rep. Edward J. Markey (D-MA) Tel. (202) 226-2424, Chairman of Telecommunications and Finance Subcommittee, Room 316 House Annex II, Wash, D.C. 20515 Attn: Gerry Salemme

Sen. Ernest F. Hollings (D-SC) Tel: (202) 224-0427, Chairman Commerce, Science and Transportation, Room SD-508, Washington, D.C. 20510 Attn: Ralph B. Everett

Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-HI) Tel. (202) 224-9340, Chairman of Communications Subcommittee, Room SH-227, Washington, D.C. 20510 Attn: Tom Cohen

ARRL UPDATE — THE 220 SPECIAL REPORT — LATEST FROM THE LEAGUE IS A SERVICE OF HUDSON DIVISION DIRECTOR STEVE MENDELSON, WA2DHF

Newsbits

Correction To East Coast CW Net Net

Please note that the Sunday morning eastern CW sked meets at 11:00 AM local time and not at 12:00 Noon as had been previously listed.

LAMBDA NET SCHEDULES

NATIONAL SCHEDULES

| | | | | |
|-----|-----|-------|----------|----------------------|
| SSB | Sun | 1900Z | | 14.320 to 14.325 MHz |
| SSB | Sun | 1930Z | | 21.425 MHz |
| SSB | Sun | 2000Z | NOVICES! | 28.425 MHz |
| SSB | Sun | 0245Z | | 3.860 to 3.865 MHz |

EASTERN SCHEDULES

| | | | | |
|------|-----|---------|----------|--------------------|
| RTTY | Tue | 2100 ET | | 3.630 MHz |
| SSB | Thu | 1945 ET | | 7.210 MHz |
| CW | Sun | 1100 ET | NOVICES! | 7.140 to 7.145 MHz |

WESTERN SCHEDULES

| | | | | |
|-----|-----|---------|--|-----------|
| CW | Mon | 1730 PT | | 7.094 MHz |
| SSB | Sun | 1400 PT | | 7.280 MHz |

(All schedules are + or - QRM)

NOTE!

New Format Time
Schedules, Revised
West Coast CW
Schedule, and
Revised East Coast
Times!

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21 LARC Members Attend Dayton 1988



By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

A record number of LARC members attended the 1988 Dayton Hamvention this year. The twenty-one members attending were: Irv (AF2K), Brian (unlicensed), Bill (KA8TZX), Dave (WD8IKB), Tom (KI4ZN), Dick (K3AKK), Dale (WA0CFQ), Hershel (WA0MBC), Gordon (WB5OYL), Bob (KA8UHL), Harry (W9HRQ), Bill (K9AT), Larry (WB9LOZ), Don (WB6LYI), Nick (KA1MQX), Mark (KC3XC), Duane (K4UW), Charlie (WA4ITY), Harry (N2CJM), Howard (W9BVD), and Jim (KK3K). This year's attendance was four member greater than last year when 17 LARC members attended Dayton. Three guests also attended. LARC had reserved eight hotel rooms at the Econo Lodge and all eight rooms were occupied. LARC members and guests began arriving early for the Hamvention on

Assembled for the traditional LARC group picture are: (back row, left to right) Joe, Dick (K3AKK), Harry (W9HRQ), Dave (WD8IKB), Bill (KA8TZX), Dale (WA0CFQ), Bill (K9AT), Brian, Larry (WB9LOZ), Bob (KA8UHL), Duane (K4UW), Tom (KI4ZN), Howard (W9BVD), Gordon (WB5OYL), Irv (AF2K), Jim (KK3K); (front row, left to right) Don (WB6LYI), Hershel (WB0MBC), Harry (N2CJM), Mark (KC3XC), Charlie (WA4ITY), & Nick (KA1MQX).

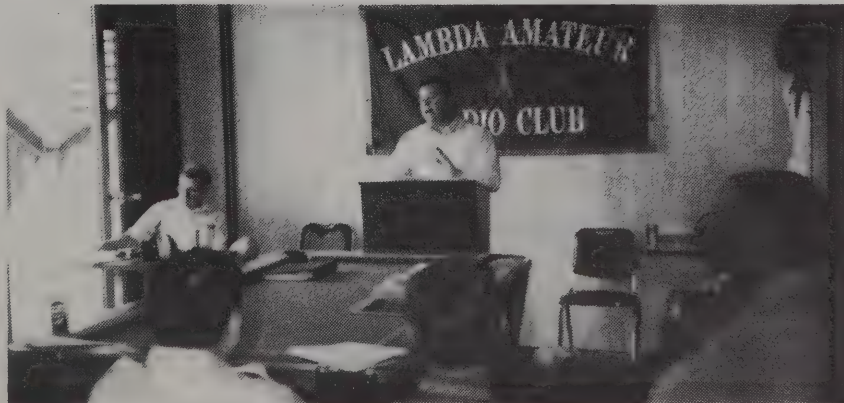
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New LARC Awards Program Announced At Dayton

Club President Jim (KK3K) and Vice President Don (WB6LYI) unveiled an awards program at Dayton designed to encourage increased operating activity among LARC members. Tom (KI4ZN) has volunteered to administer the program and a resolution authorizing the awards program was passed by the membership at the LARC business meeting. Details of the new awards program are enclosed in this issue of the NEWS. The effective date of the new program is May 1, 1988.

Wayne Green Meeting

At the suggestion of Bob (KA8UHL), a group of LARC members met with 73 Amateur Radio publisher, Wayne Green (N2NSD/1) following his forum at the Dayton Hamvention. LARC President Jim (KK3K) asked Mr. Green why 73's Associate Editor Stuart Norwood had refused to run an ad for the club in the "Barter 'N Buy" section of 73 Amateur Radio. Mr. Green claimed he had no knowledge whatsoever of the issue. He invited us to send him a letter with the details. We indicated that we had done so already but that we would do so once again. Bob asked Wayne if this meant that he would now run the ad in 73. Wayne responded that he would at least check into the matter to "find out what the objections were." Don (WB6LYI) drafted a new letter to Wayne, Bob cut a check for the ad, and Jim mailed the letter marked "Personal & Confidential" to Wayne in late May. As of this writing, no response has been received, but we will report on further developments as they occur!



At right, Vice President Don (WB6LYI) reviews the new LARC Awards Program.

Net Newsbits

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

G4ORX Reports On Clause 29 In the U.K.

Pete (G4ORX) writes that there is a real groundswell of activity in the UK protesting the anti-gay Clause 29 Bill recently passed. He says that we in the US can help by writing letters in protest to the Prime Minister and Dame Jill Knight at the House of Commons. Here are the addresses: Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P., 10 Downing Street, Whitehall, London; Dame Jill Knight, M.P., House of Commons, Westminster, London. Don't worry about the postal codes — the letters will get there. Just tell them you think that Clause 29 is unfair and unjust in your own words. You might point out that this is a breach of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights. Even a short note would be effective. You could even send them a QSL card with your message. Do it today!

Pete also wants us to know that he is fully recovered from his accident — no serious injuries — only badly bruised on his arm.

Worldradio Responds To Mail From LARC

Jim (KK3K) recently send Worldradio magazine an article for publication along with a background information sheet on LARC. Jim recently received a response from Worldradio in which they indicated that they "don't feel that the sexual preference of a group has any relevance to the quality of an organization — especially in relation to Amateur Radio." They said that, if our club is involved in public service, they would be glad to write information about the club. Perhaps this would be a good opportunity for our Golden Gate Chapter members to get something published in Worldradio about all of their public service activities!

Golden Gate Chapter News

The April meeting of the GGC was held April 14th at Larry and

Bill's. The March meeting was held in San Mateo at the QTH of Frank (KB7IP). The GGC has been successful in getting articles published in several local gay newspapers. Kit (WB6QVU) has been busy writing and submitting the articles for publication. The chapter got three phone calls in response to the appearance of the articles. Planning was done for the Bike-A-Thon was well as for Pride Day activities planned for June. Bill (K9AT) reports that 14 GGC LARC members did participate in the Bike-A-Thon, and the LARC banner was displayed at the event. Congratulations to the Golden Gate Chapter for their public service work at this event! The June meeting was held at Bill and Larry's on June 9th. Their involvement in the recent AIDS Bike-A-Thon was a great success! It looks like they may be planning a picnic and possible dinner meetings in the future. Quite a busy group, the GGC!

News From KC0KM, Minneapolis

LARC member George (KC0KM) writes that he will be selling a large, completely restored Victorian house that comes with a 60' tower. So, if anyone is interested, let him know. He has an Amiga 200 computer and he checks into the Village BBS and the Oracle. Look for "Moose" or "Star." He writes that he is very busy restoring houses, so he is not sure when he'll be back on the air. We hope to hear him back on soon — maybe in the fall!

N2CJM Contributes Tapes

Harry (N2CJM) has contributed a set of ARRL code practice tapes to the LARC Lending Library. The tapes cover 5-13 wpm code speed. Remember, if you need to check out any materials, contact Jim at the club's box in Philadelphia and they'll be sent to you free. Many thanks to Harry for his valuable contribution — we'll see that these are put to good use!

New NetRom Nodes In Washington, DC Area

Dick (K3AKK) writes to say that "There's been a new addition at the DCA / K3AF NetRom nodes. We've added a node on 28.103 signing WASHDC / K3AF-5. It is standard HF 300 baud so that it will attract more users. We're hoping that someone in Southern California will add a 28.103 node to interface with the existing VHF nodes. With the certain increase to be expected in 10 meter propagation in the next few years, it would provide a good link between coasts for many hours a day. There are at least eight BBSs served by the DCA nodes and a lot of non-automated activity. At the DCA nodes, we have an 8-port diode matrix interconnecting the TNCs and only 6 ports are being used at present. Ideas under consideration are an additional 440 or an additional 220 port using duplexers, an 80 meter port or maybe a satellite port if we ever get a synchronous ham satellite in orbit in the next couple of years." Whew! Sounds like Dick and the gang have been B-U-S-Y!

Welcome New Member KA3SSF

Please welcome new LARC member Steve Wandel (KA3SSF) from Washington, DC. Steve recently received his Novice license and would like to buy a Kenwood TS-440S station. Steve is also a member of the LARC Potomac Chapter in Washington, DC. Welcome aboard, Steve!

Old Study Guides?

Send to Lending Library

Make sure that when you run across old study guides, tapes, or other licensing study materials that you no longer need — send them to the LARC Lending Library at the club's post office box.

Your donation helps another gay ham.

LARC Awards Plaque To WB6LYI

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

LARC Officers and members presented a plaque to Club Vice President Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI) at the LARC Banquet held Saturday evening, April 30th in Dayton, Ohio. The plaque was awarded in recognition of the tremendous job Don has done as editor and publisher of the LARC newsletter during the past two and one-half years. The plaque is approximately 9x12 inches, walnut with a bronze plate for the inscription and a round medallion with the LARC logo, a lambda with an antenna. The inscription on the plaques reads: "Presented to Don Bledsoe, WB6LYI, by the membership in appreciation of his efforts as editor and publisher of the Lambda Amateur Radio Club Newsletter, Saturday, April 30, 1988. Dayton, Ohio." The plaque was a complete surprise and Don seemed genuinely pleased to receive this token of appreciation from the LARC membership. Don accepted the award and thanked the membership. The presentation of this award contributed to the festive atmosphere which was in evidence at the LARC Banquet Saturday evening.

A Note From the Editor

Obviously, no one who volunteers to "pull duty" for the Club does so to gain recognition. Rather, there is a wonderful spirit of working together to better our common good that transcends the necessity to pitch in and get a job done. It's us — helping ourselves.

I very much enjoy putting together each issue of the NEWS because I know that it is enjoyed by many. I will continue to look forward to producing the best quality newsletter that our Club can offer. With your help and contributions, we'll work to make us an even greater success in the future! Thank you all for the award ... this is one time I was caught totally speechless!

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Thursday evening, and most everyone had arrived by noon Friday for the opening of the Hamvention.

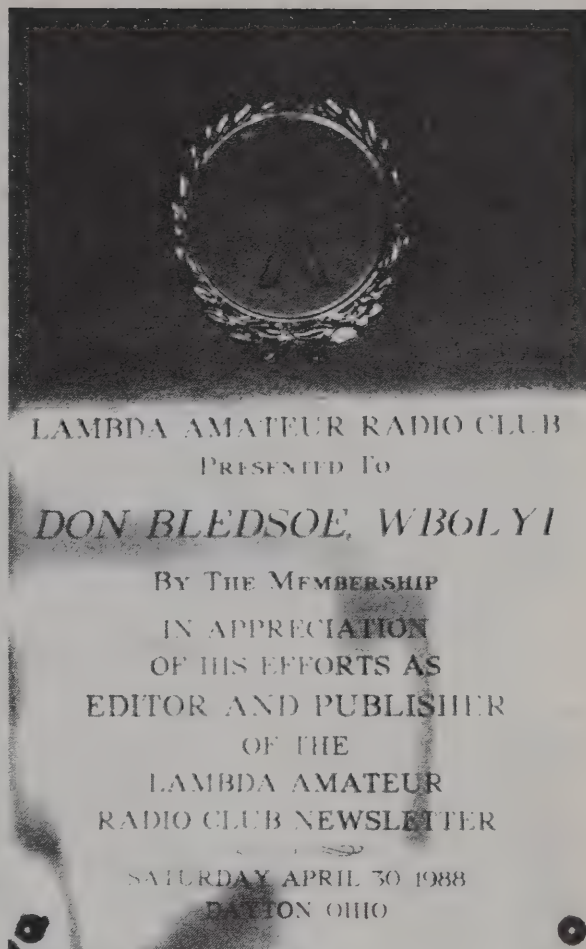
The WX (weather) was sunny and pleasant for the opening of the Hamvention. LARC members dispersed in all directions Friday afternoon. Some went immediately to the huge flea market, while others hurried off to do some early shopping for hot items or to check in at the various manufacturers' booths. Still other members attended forums which ran continuously throughout the weekend. The crowds this year were again very large, although some LARC members who had attended previous Hamventions thought that perhaps the attendance was slightly lighter this year. LARC members hot together in groups for dinner Friday evening

at several different restaurants, and a large contingent eventually ended up at the 1470 WEST disco in Kettering later in the evening for drinks and dancing.

On Saturday, most members got an early start for the Hara Arena, site of the Hamvention. The WX was again sunny and a little warmer than Friday. Saturday is always the busiest day at the Hamvention and the attendance was greatest this day. The flea market was very busy with hams shopping and enjoying themselves. At noon, LARC members gathered for lunch in the big food hall. Afterward, we all assembled for the traditional LARC group picture taking session outdoors behind the arena. We again prevailed upon a volunteer Ham to take our picture. After lunch, it was back to Hamvention activities. The Icom

booth was very busy with hams admiring the latest addition to their line, the IC-781. Icom also distributed frequency allocation charts, buttons, and plastic carry-all bags for free, and had hourly drawings for prizes. The Kenwood booth was another hotbed of activity and it was packed with hams throughout the weekend. The indoor display area seems to grow bigger and bigger each year, and it is difficult to cover the entire display area even in the two and one-half days that the Hamvention runs. The flea market was completely sold out well in advance; it was also quite large and required time to cover as well. On Saturday morning, when LARC members attempted to contact each other on our

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Minutes Of LARC Annual Business Meeting



The hospitality suite, hosted by Dick and Tom (KI4ZN) was very popular. Saturday is usually a very long and tiring day — and a cool one sure tastes good! Engrossed in conversation at left is Bob (KA8UHL), in the center (not bent over like the rest) is Duane (K4UW), listening in at the far right is Charlie (WA4ITY), and in the foreground looking over the complete history of the Club's newsletter is Harry (N2CJM).



LARC members gather for the Annual Business Meeting in the conference room provided by the Econo-Lodge. At far left is Dave (WD8IKB) and Dale (WA0CFQ), studying club members' QSL cards is Nick (KA1MQX) while Irv (AF2K) heads for the refreshment area to get in line behind Dick (K3AKK). In the front two rows is Larry (WB9LOZ), Mark (KC3XC), Bill (K9AT), and Hershel (WA0MBC).

KD2HE and KNJ2GG. At Jim's suggestion, several members present volunteered to follow up on some of the delinquent individuals with personal contact.

Treasurer's Report by Bob (KA8UHL)

One highlight of major significance contained in the report is \$905 income raised from the special appeal to the membership in 1987.

Newsletter Report by Don (WB6LYI)

Don presented a summarized tabulation of the 32 responses from the April Survey Form. Of particular note was the indication of a desire for more photos and more personal/human interest articles. Don solicited input from all present, and indicated a special form will be mailed to everyone along with the next updated membership roster.

President Kelly announced special recognition of the following:

Meeting Location: Econo Lodge Motel, Room 101, 2221 Wagoner Ford Road, Dayton, Ohio, USA.

The Annual Business Meeting was called to order at 5:59 P.M. EDT on Saturday, April 30, 1988, by Club President Jim Kelly, KK3K.

The following members were in attendance: Nick Altenberndt (KA1MQX), Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI), Bill Choisser (K9AT), Dale Clark (WA0CFQ), Brian DeWitt, Duane Durst (K4UW), Dave Frizzell (WD8IKB), Charles Garner (WA4ITY), Irv Goodman (AF2K), Harry Graziano (W9HRQ), Tom Hendrix (KI4ZN), Hershel Jackson (WA0MBC), Jim Kelly (KK3K), Larry Kenney (WB9LOZ), Bob Laycock (KA8UHL), Harry Peterson (N2CJM), Dick Wareing (K3AKK), Mark Wilcox (KC3XC), Bill Wolfe (KA8TZX), and Howard Wyman (W9BVD). The following member was absent: Gordon Turner (WB5OYL).

President Kelly welcomed the group to Dayton and announced the following acknowledgements of individual "contributions:" Howard (W9BVD) for handling motel room reservations; Irv (AF2K) for handling Club Banquet reservations and for providing LARC membership cards; Tom (KI4ZN) and Dick Ramey for their generous hospitality during the social hour preceding the meeting; Don (WB6LYI) for publishing the excellent Newsletter and for his contributions to the club's Lending Library; and Bob (KA8UHL) for his continued efficient handling of Treasurer's responsibilities.

Membership Report by Jim (KK3K)

President Kelly pointed out that of the 90 persons on the Membership Roster, 70 have renewed for the current year. Delinquents include KA5MGL, WA6FXL, W8MTD, K2IAG, WB3LFI, WB2PRC, WA1VEC, KB2DWB, KB6KUC, KA4LNA, WB5OYL, WA2YCL, K8RY, WB5MEI,

- Two new LARC Chapters formed during 1987 ... the Golden Gate Chapter, based in San Francisco, California, with 15 members currently; and the Potomac Chapter, based in Washington, DC area, with approximately 10 members.

- Participation by Club members in recent gay community events in the D.C. and San Francisco areas.

- The membership contingent participating in the October 1987 March On Washington, which, among other things, provided some good visibility for LARC and enlisted one new member as a result. LARC was listed as an Official Sponsor in the program.

- Communications for Public Service events provided by the Golden Gate Chapter, coordinated by K9AT.

Miscellaneous

In cases where LARC members are paying dues for a "local" chapter, dues for LARC National membership will be reduced to \$5.00 annually.

LARC filed an official comment to the FCC in the matter of the 220MHz band controversy during 1987.

A LARC "Background Information Sheet," outlining the Club history, constitution, future objectives, etc., has been established for the purpose of accompanying any future press releases.

It was agreed that, for the purpose of observing an "anniversary" date, June 1975, would be established as the date of the Club's earliest roots.

President Kelly reminded everyone that all financial records are available for inspection by members at any time.

The existing deposit for motel rooms at Econo Lodge will be "rolled over" for 1989 LARC reservations.

Advertising Correspondence

President Kelly indicated that correspondence with ARRL has been terminated for now. An ad in 73 magazine has been rejected. However, a follow-up will be made at this year's Hamvention with Wayne Green. If the personal appeal is successful, a letter with a check for payment, copy of the previously submitted ad, and



LARC President Jim (KK3K) conducts Annual Business Meeting while Club Secretary Irv (AF2K) takes notes.



Our members take the Club's business very seriously! There is a great deal of information presented regarding the operation of LARC and discussion regarding how the membership feels about various issues. The meeting is essential for the Executive Committee to properly carryout their duties each year. Left to right: Dick (K3AKK), Brian, Larry (WB9LOZ), Harry (N2CJM), Mark (KC3XC), and Charlie (WA4ITY).

recapitulation of prior correspondence will be sent to 73 Amateur Radio magazine.

Lending Library

Currently contains Gordon West's Novice Course and code practice tapes. Library coordinated by WB6LYI, with KK3K custodian; material available to all members. Contributions welcome.

Elections

Nominations of Club officers for 1989-90 will be solicited via the Newsletter, with actual ballots being mailed around November. Offices are for a 2-year term.

WB9LOZ and K9AT again agreed to tabulate official election results.

New Awards Program

Don (WB6LYI) announced a new Club Awards program, effective May 1, 1988. Included will be a "Worked All Membership" award certificate, "LARC Top Op" award, "LARC Operating Achievement" award, etc. Details will appear in a future Newsletter.

Review of April 1987 Resolutions

1. Renewal of ad in Advocate newspaper.
2. LARC participation in March On Washington.
3. Ad in 73 magazine.

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4. Continuation of policy of no Club advertising in straight publications and no call signs to appear in any LARC ads.

5. Reimbursement of Club banner expense to KK3K.

6. Dues structure.

7. Overseas advertising ... KK3K to continue to handle London; W9BVD to handle Austrian and Swiss publications during 1988.

8. Change CW frequency schedule from 7.099 to 7.140 MHz. (Done).

New Resolutions

1. Renewal of ad in Advocate newspaper. Seconded by WA0MBC; motion carried.

2. Club banner to be carried at Gay Pride Celebrations or community events throughout the year. Seconded and carried.

3. New LARC Awards Program to be implemented. Seconded by WB9LOZ; motion carried. KI4ZN volunteered to be Awards Administrator.

4. Dick Ramey and Joe Wongphuthon named Honorary Members of LARC. Seconded by W9BVD; motion carried.

5. KA8UHL suggested establishment of additional weekly phone net schedule on Sundays at 2000Z on 28.425 MHz. Seconded by WA0CFQ. Also, KA8TZX encouraged more participation on the 7.140 CW net.

Public Service

The Harvey Milk School in New York City did not respond to any correspondence; this is no longer a live business matter.

Raffle

To help increase the Club treasury balance, a raffle was held at \$5.00 per ticket with two prizes: #1—Surprise item. #2—Cash. Drawings to take place at Annual Banquet following business meeting. Bob (KA8UHL) announced a donation of \$200 from Hershel (WA0MBC) earmarked for advertising expenses only.

Many thanks to AF2K and hosts Dick Ramey and KI4ZN for furnishing the snacks and beverages during the social hour immediately preceding the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 P.M. EDT.

Respectfully submitted,
(Sgd) Irwin J. Goodman, AF2K
LARC Secretary



LARC "Worked All Membership" Award

Sponsored by the
Lambda Amateur Radio Club

Description:

LARC will award a certificate to any licensed amateur submitting a signed application listing all required information and certifying that he or she has qualified for an award under the program.

Purpose:

To encourage club members and other interested amateurs to work other LARC members using different modes.

Basic Award:

Work 10 LARC members using any mode or combination of modes. Endorsements are available in further increments of a group of 5 additional new contacts.

Special Endorsements:

1. SSB Only
2. CW Only
3. RTTY Only
4. Packet Only (No signal report required.)
5. Band and All-Band
 - Band: 60, 80/75, 40, 30, 24, 20, 18, 15, 10, 6, 2, special VHF, special UHF.
 - All Band: 80/75, 40, 20, 15, 10
6. 10 States with additional endorsements available for each additional group of 5 states in which a LARC member is worked.

Rules:

1. All contacts must be made after May 1, 1988.
2. All contacts must be two-way.
 - a. QSL card is not required.
 - b. Signal reports are required except for packet and 2 meter FM contacts, however, no minimum signal report is required.
3. A log sheet must be submitted to the program administrator to apply for a certificate or endorsement. The application is available from the program administrator and asks for the following information:
 - a. Applicant's name, address, and callsign
 - b. Award or endorsement achieved
 - c. Mode (if applicable)
 - d. Applicant's signature and date
4. Log sheet should list for each contact:
 - a. Date of contact
 - b. Call sign of contact
 - c. Frequency
 - d. Signal Report (if applicable)
 - e. Mode
 - f. State (if applicable)

LARC "Top-Op" Award:

Each year, LARC will award a trophy or plaque to the LARC member who has received the most endorsements during the year. The award will be presented yearly at the Dayton Hamvention. The dates of record for this award will be March 1 to February 28 of each year. Applications must be received by the awards program administrator between these dates to qualify for this award. In case of a tie, multiple awards will be presented.

LARC "Operating Achievement" Award:

LARC will award a trophy or plaque to each LARC member who qualifies for the basic award plus 5 endorsements. There is no time limit for this award. The award will be made at the time the 5th endorsement is achieved.

Good Luck !!!

Lambda Amateur Radio Club

Application For Certificate Award

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| Call | Award Achieved: | |
| Name | Endorsement:

Mode: | |
| Address | | |
| City, State, Zip | | |
| I certify that the information contained in my application is true as stated.

Applicant's Signature: | | Date of Application |

LOG SHEET

| Date of Contact | Callsign of Contact | Frequency | Signal Report | Mode | State |
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Send completed application to:

Tom Hendrix, KI4ZN
 LARC Award Program Administrator
 1721 Brandywine Drive
 Clemmons, NC 27012

Opposite:

Prizes galore! The ever-popular prize booth was always a scene of high activity as everyone came by to check-out the prizes and to deposit their ticket stubs for the BIG DRAWING on Sunday afternoon!



Right:

Nearly every major manufacturer of ham gear was there. MFJ had a very large display (only a small part here is visible) and was constantly jammed.

Opposite:

ICOM's booth was packed! Nearly every operator in the northern hemisphere came by to see the new IC-781 rig. I think it even does windows ...



Right:

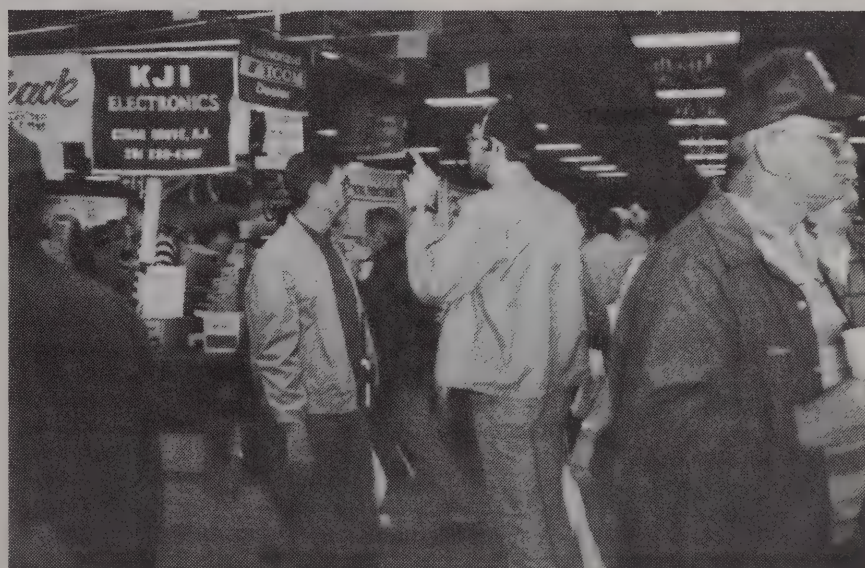
Yaesu was at their usual location again this year. Plenty of activity here also.

Opposite:

Books were especially popular this year and publishers seemed to run short earlier than last year.

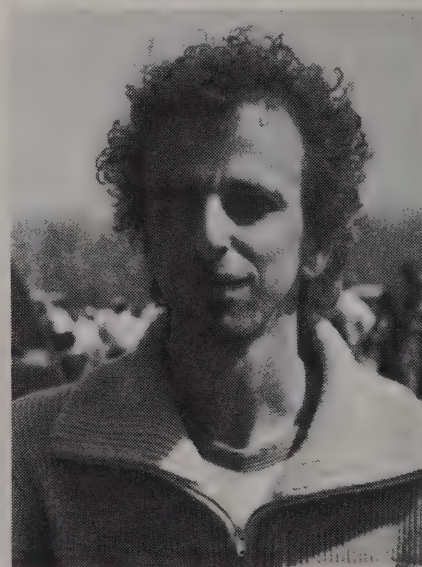
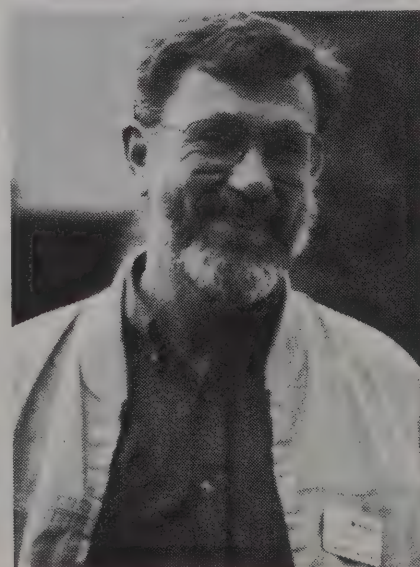
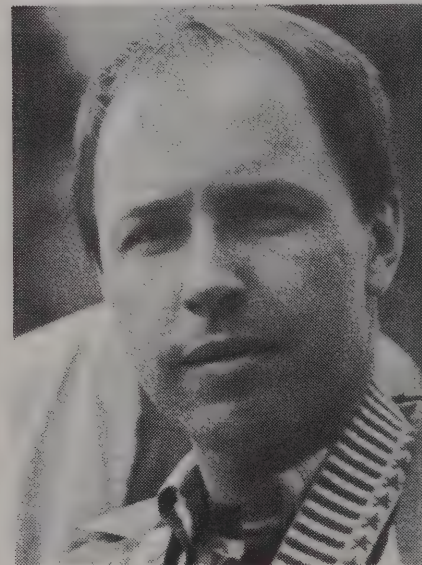
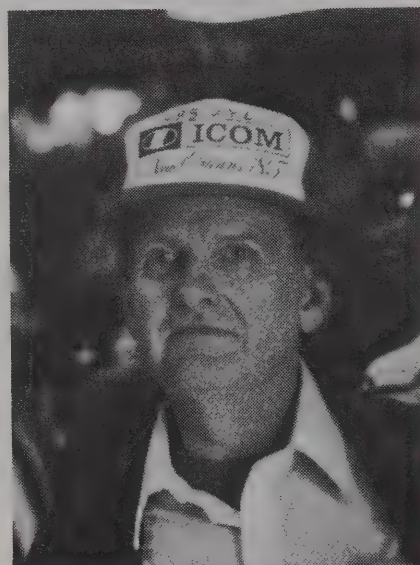
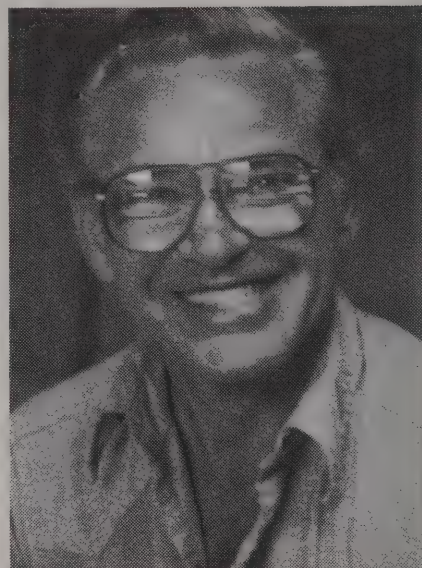
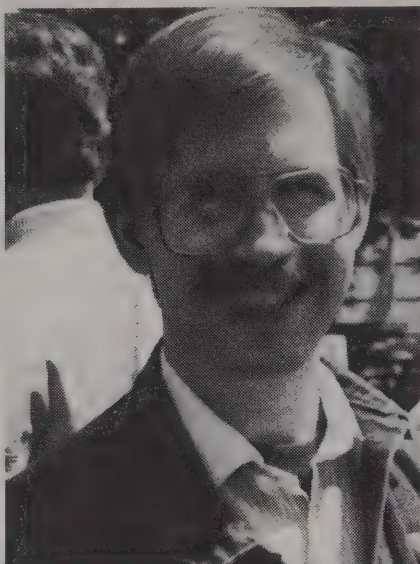
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"Which way shall we go?" On the left is Howard (W9BVD) with Jim (KK3K) trying to decide where to go first.



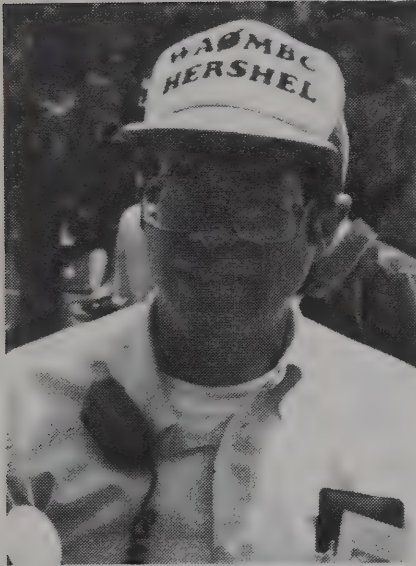
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A few of the guys who made it all so much fun!



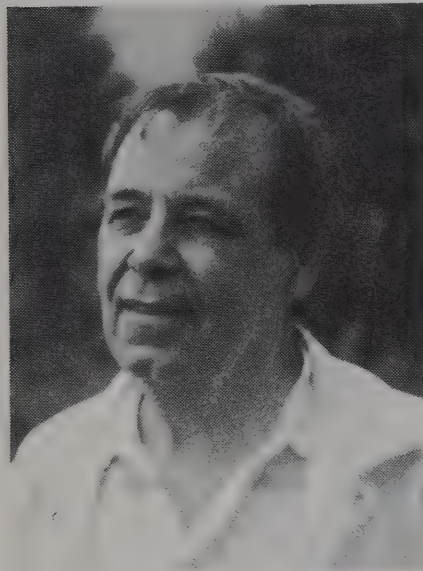
DAYTON PHOTO ALBUM

A few of the guys who made it all so much fun!



Above:

Friday night, a group went to dinner at Casa Lupita to enjoy their Mexican cuisine. Around the table in this photo by Nick (KA1MQX) from the left is: Larry (WB9LOZ), Don (WB6LYI), Bob (KA8UHL), Ric (with Bob), Jim (KK3K), and Larry (K9AT).



Below:

The flea market was jammed with incredible "goodies" for everyone. One of the more unique items spotted by LARC members was the aircraft ejection seat ... yes, someone did buy it! Here Brian DeWitt is hunting for some components for his repair inventory, and he found all kinds of things he could use.

Top, left to right:

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| Brian DeWitt | |
| Bob | KA8UHL |
| Harry | N2CJM |
| Hershel | WA0MBC |

Center, left to right:

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| Jim | KK3K |
| Gordon | WB5OYL |
| Mark | KC3XC |
| Tom | KI4ZN |

Bottom, left to right:

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|--------|--------|
| Irv | AF2K |
| Howard | W9BVD |
| Kim | WB8ROE |



LARC Membership Survey Results

By Don (WB6LYI, Long Beach, CA)

Here are the results of the April membership survey in summarized form. Most of you (84%) felt that the NEWS' coverage of both general gay issues and political issues is about right, but you were more evenly divided on the subject of our coverage of amateur radio issues, with 45% saying too little and 55% say the coverage is about right. Nearly everyone (77%) would like to see more pictures in the NEWS and 19% would like to see about the same amount of pictures. And almost all of you (91%) said that our stories have about the right amount of detail. It seems that you (52%) would like to have the Membership Roster sent to you only once every six months. The Packet Roster was nearly evenly split: 37% in favor of sending it once every year, 23% for every three months, 20% for every six months, and 17% in favor of not at all. Most members (68%) wanted to see more profiles of other members, and member's travel related stories rated 50% in favor of more of the same and 40% in favor of more travel stories. For sale or swap listings were well received with 77% saying they would list their equipment in the NEWS. While certainly not a technical journal, the NEWS periodically runs stories of this nature, and 50% said they'd like us to continue about the same and 37% said they'd like technical stories more often. Nearly everyone likes the newsletter format and would prefer to keep it that way, and 55% said that it was easy to read or was as easy to read as other publications (42%). Many thanks to all those participants who gave of their time to make this survey a success.

The Bandsmasher

A Product(?) Review

Have you heard those absolutely monstrous, massive signals on 20M lately?

Have you heard those operators talking to stations when the 200' tower boys can't even tell there's a signal there?

Well, you're probably getting beaten out by the astute amateurs who answered an advertisement in recent issues of 23 Skidoo. (Name changed.)

For a mere \$5, the ad promises plans for an antenna (80-10M) which delivers 30dB gain over a dipole. (And to think that those giant monster curtain arrays at VOA, BBC, Radio Moscow, etc. deliver only a paltry 17 or so dB.)

Methinks the Mensa isn't reading his own magazine because he wouldn't allow such an advertisement.

So, off went our \$5. Back came the directions for ... aluminum foil in your attic — only 6 strips, 30' long and 1.5' wide! (Folks, this is TRUE!!)

But wait ... it gets better! We are also promised 100dB gain in major lobes, 30dB in minor lobes, AND it's omni-directional! Wait, that's not all. The antenna has a zero degree angle — perfect for DX work!

Now, you may not realize what a great antenna this is. 30dB gain with an input of 1kW gives an ERP (effective radiated power) of 1 million watts. What a boon to your neighbors! They won't have to pay the local utility for the electricity for their light bulbs.

Your neighbors will also thank you for turning them into intellectuals. They'll have to read books because they sure won't be watching much TV while you're on the air.

But wait! That's only 30dB in the minor lobe. Let's move off just

a bit to 33dB. Now we have 2MW ERP. For you, the band is always open everywhere.

In the 40dB lobe — 10MW ERP. Your neighbors will love you for creating a healthy neighborhood, killing all flies, mosquitos, bugs that eat roses and the like.

In the 50dB lobe (100 million watts ERP) there will be no barking dogs.

In the 60dB lobe (1 billion watts ERP), you have just spared the people of New York City from the stranglehold of Con Ed.

At 70dB lobe you have shown your beneficence to mankind, for you can now furnish all the power requirements for the Third World.

On the 80dB lobe you have assured the freedom of the USA, for with a power gain of 100 million and your 1.5kW output amplifier, you alone, from your shack, are the SDI program.

On the 90dB lobe you have destroyed OPEC because you are charging up all battery-powered cars in the country. Because of you, everyone is abandoning gasoline.

On the 100dB main lobes (that's a power gain of 10 billion), and thus with your humble California Kilowatt, you are now Ruler of the Universe.

Hah, you really showed your parents, who said that if you didn't stop playing with your radio and get to your schoolbooks, you'd never amount to anything.

And it all came to pass because you were reading a ham magazine published in Peterborough, New Hampshire, and purchased plans from an Extra Class amateur living in an apartment in Queens Village, Jamaica, New York.

All of this for only \$5. Ain't ham radio grand? — Kurt N. Sterba
(From Worldradio, July 1988)

RTTY/AMTOR/Packet/CW Station Equipment For Sale — Just Add the TNC!

The following station equipment is being offered for sale by Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI). I would like to sell this as a complete, packaged system for the new packet, RTTY, AMTOR operator. Note that a packet TNC is NOT included as part of the package. The cost of all of this purchased by me new was \$1499, and I am asking only \$400 plus shipping. If interested, call me at (213) 494-6765 or drop me a note to P.O. Box 91299, Long Beach, CA 90809-1299. Complete package includes: Commodore 64 Computer with 1541 disk drive, C-64 Training Kit, Star Micronics SG-10C printer, AEA CP-100 Computer Patch with cables to C-64, AEA-Soft "MBA-TOR" software cartridge for CP-100, Kantronics "Pac-Term" software cartridge and disk, CaGen "Contest Log" software on disk, 300 baud modem with software, Zenith Data Systems monochrome monitor for C-64, Simon's BASIC software cartridge, Muse "Smart Start" software on disk, "Net Worth" personal finance software package, Timeworks "Word Writer" software package, and the following books: "Inside Commodore DOS," "Commodore Programmer's Reference Guide," "Basic Commodore 64 BASIC," & "Compute's 3rd Book of Commodore 64." All documentation is included, of course. Please note that while the 1541 disk drive has had little usage, it currently does not work properly and may need repair. All in all, it is an excellent system and has not yet been taken out of service at my QTH.

It's About...

By Don (WB6LYI, Long Beach, CA)

This was my third wonderful year attending the Dayton Hamvention with the LARC gang. Each time it has been a wonderful experience, and I have noticed that there seems to be several "phases" that attendees go through:

Getting Acquainted

Everyone, except the old hands who already know each other, is quiet and reserved. Mostly observing the goings-on. Friday evening dinner is much looser and more fun after a few margaritas!

Building Friendships

Starting with Saturday morning breakfast, everyone seems somehow friendlier and livelier than before. A few even remember names that go with the calls and joking around and laughing is heard more often. By lunch time and the group photo, everyone is like the Three Musketeers... "all for one and one for all!" Now we're all friends. It's like magic. The annual banquet really tops it off!

I Can't Believe It's Time To Go!

Sunday is up and down. It's up because everyone has been having an exciting and fun time; down because everyone starts to realize that it's going to end today. There's much talk about returning next year... a day early just to have more time to visit.

Next Time

Dayton with LARC is a special experience unlike any other in amateur radio. It's a special time for those of us who get together — please join us next year!

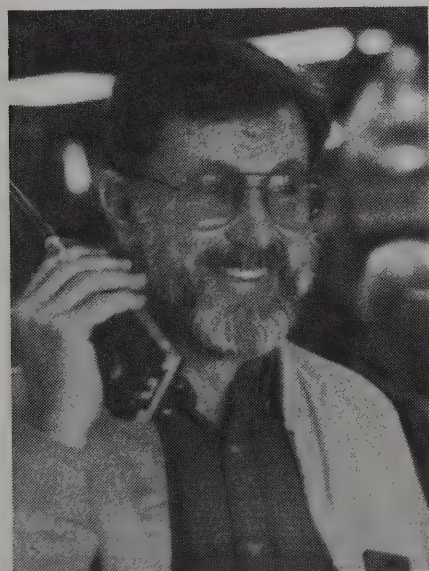


Top, (left): Larry (WB9LOZ) and Bill (K9AT) from San Francisco.

Above bussed out and pooped out (l.to r.): Howard (W9BVD), Mark (KC3XC), Brian DeWitt, Larry (WB9LOZ), Dale (WA0CFQ), Bill (K9AT), Bob (KA8UHL), and Jim (KK3K).

Below left: Howard (W9BVD, Alexandria, VA) keeps in touch.

Below right: LARC — always in touch! (Photo by Nick, KA1MQX)



LAMBDA NET SCHEDULES

NATIONAL SCHEDULES

| | | | | |
|-----|-----|-------|----------|----------------------|
| SSB | Sun | 1900Z | | 14.320 to 14.325 MHz |
| SSB | Sun | 1930Z | | 21.425 MHz |
| SSB | Sun | 2000Z | NOVICES! | 28.425 MHz |
| SSB | Sun | 0245Z | | 3.860 to 3.865 MHz |

EASTERN SCHEDULES

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|------|-----|---------|----------|--------------------|
| RTTY | Tue | 2100 ET | | 3.630 MHz |
| SSB | Thu | 1930 ET | | 3.860 MHz |
| CW | Sun | 1200 ET | NOVICES! | 7.140 to 7.145 MHz |

WESTERN SCHEDULES

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|-----|-----|---------|--|-----------|
| CW | Mon | 1730 PT | | 7.094 MHz |
| SSB | Sun | 1400 PT | | 7.280 MHz |

(All schedules are + or - QRM)

NOTE!

New Format Time
Schedules, Revised
West Coast CW
Schedule, and
Revised East Coast
Times!

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agreed-upon 2 meter simplex frequency, we were surprised to find the frequency quite busy. A hot air balloon was launched from the Hamvention site and hams all around the city were working the aeronautical mobile using the LARC simplex frequency! We had to QSY until the balloon moved out of range, but a couple LARC members worked the balloon anyway. On Saturday afternoon, a contingent of LARC members had a encounter with Wayne Green at the conclusion of his forum to discuss the LARC advertising issue. At about 4 P.M., many LARC members began to head back to the hotel to prepare for the evening's scheduled activities.

At 5 P.M. Saturday evening, LARC members assembled for a cocktail hour in the LARC hospitality room again hosted by Tom (KI4ZN) and his roommate, Dick. At 6 P.M., the activity

shifted to the conference room at the Econo Lodge where the annual Official LARC Business meeting was conducted from 6 to 7:30 P.M. During the meeting, club officers reported on the status of the club, membership, treasury, lending library, and various other topics. A new awards program was unveiled, and four new resolutions were passed by voice vote. After the meeting, LARC members left the hotel and drove to Anticoli's Ristorante to attend our own private club banquet. After drinks and dinner, a raffle drawing was held with the proceeds to benefit the club treasury. Larry (WB9LOZ) won a desk pen set on which was mounted a vintage radio tube, and Bob (KA8UHL) won a cash consolation prize. A total of \$61 was raised for the club treasury by the raffle. The fun activities continued as the group departed

for another evening at the 1470 WEST disco.

Sunday was another pretty good day for WX, and those members who were able to remain for the day enjoyed yet a third day of Hamvention fun. During the day, the LARC group dwindled as various members left Dayton via air or car. I am sure that most would agree that the time flew by during the weekend. Some members began to talk about returning to Dayton next year. A group of LARC members did remain for the close of the Hamvention and the big prize drawing held at the close each year. More than \$300,000 in prizes were given away during the Hamvention. LARC had no prize winners this year at the big drawing, so we'll all have to return again next year and try again! See you at Dayton 1989!

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Newsbits

By Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

LARC Members Set To Attend Dayton 1988

Over 20 LARC members and friends will be attending this year's Hamvention in a few weeks. A full report on happenings at Dayton will appear in the LARC newsletter.

Membership Cards Mailed To Membership

All LARC members who have renewed their memberships for 1988 should have received 1988 membership cards in the mail. Membership cards were mailed to all current members during the week of March 21, 1988. In addition, members in good standing who have indicated that they plan to attend the Dayton Hamvention should have received a two-page information sheet covering LARC events planned for the Hamvention, hotel accommodations, room assignments, and other pertinent information. While about 60 members have renewed for 1988, almost 30 members have not sent in their renewals. Reminder notices were included with the last issue of the newsletter for those who have not renewed. Members who do not renew will be placed on the inactive list and will not receive the newsletter and will not be eligible to vote in the election of LARC officers to be held later this year. If you received a reminder that you have not as yet renewed your LARC membership, please renew immediately or contact the club at the post office box so we can maintain your active status on the club roster. If you have renewed, but have not received your membership card or you would like to receive Dayton information, please drop a note to the club's post office box.

Golden Gate Chapter News

The LARC Golden Gate Chapter held its February meeting at Kit and Arturo's QTH and the meeting was attended by 10 members. Members discussed plans for participation in upcoming Gay Pride events in both San Francisco and San Jose, as well as a Bike-A-Thon AIDS benefit on May 14th. In San Francisco, Gay Pride Day will be held on Sunday, June 26th. The GGC plans to staff a booth which will cost \$95 and members plan to set up a portable station and pass out information about the club and ham radio in general. Kit has sent information on the chapter's planned participation in these events to local gay newspapers. The chapter also decided to hold a monthly brunch on the fourth Saturday of the month. The March meeting of the chapter was set for Thursday, March 10, 1988.

Members Correspondence

Nick (KA1MQX, Cambridge, MA) was recently elected station manager at W1MX, the ham station at MIT. Congratulations, Nick! The station has been on and off the air recently due to equipment failures and mismanagement, so Nick will have his work cut out for him as he works to get it into shape. Nick will be investigating packet radio and should be on the air soon on packet from his new apartment in Boston.

Joe (K2BIG, New Rochelle, NY) is now Assistant to the Controller for a wire and cable manufacturer in Yonkers, NY. He is doing cost accounting and budgeting using Lotus 1-2-3 on a IBM portable PC. He was laid up with a minor health

problem recently, but he's OK now, and recently bought a new car. He is planning to get a new 2-meter rig, a new IBM-compatible computer for home use, and a new piano!

Pete (G4ORX, West Midlands, England) was knocked off his motorcycle recently and he is recovering. He writes that the gay community in England is organizing like never before to fight Clause 28, a repressive anti-gay measure being enacted there. A recent protest march in London was attended by 20,000 people. Robin Tyler, a well known U.S. gay activist, spoke at the rally. Pete writes that there was some police harassment and brutality at the rally. Pete couldn't attend the rally due to his accident.

Dick (K3AKK, Arlington, VA) snuck out of the hospital a day early to repair his packet NET/ROM node station, K3AF. That's dedication! Dick is now recovering at home.

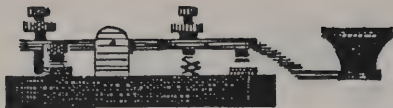
Jim (KK3K) and Dan will be spending a weekend in New Orleans in late March. Dan will be giving a paper at an educators conference during the week and Jim will join him on the weekend for some cajun food and dixieland jazz!

Howard (W9BVD, Alexandria, VA) will be traveling to Scandinavia soon on business. We'll look for a report on his trip in a future issue of the NEWS.

Irv (AF2K, Webster, NY) is flying south to spend some time in Florida in late March.

Mark (KC3XC, Rockville, MD) is involved in a training program on some new sophisticated equipment at work. He is also enjoying his new IBM-AT compatible at home.

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President's Key

By Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

Coming out as a gay man or lesbian is a struggle that can last a lifetime. No matter how far we've come, the residual effects of our socialization in a culture that does not approve of homosexuality often remain. Internalized homophobia is one of the toughest coming out related problems we each have to face in our daily lives. The reluctance to express affection in public places is a good example of internalized homophobia. I am convinced that 99.99% of the time, casual observers will respect our right to publicly show our affection for one another, even if they disapprove of our lifestyle and sexual orientation out of ignorance. It is our own self-doubt which is operating when we glance to see who is looking before we kiss someone important to us in public. We need to be aware of this problem and work at eliminating it. The beneficial side effect is that we will gain increased acceptance in society as we come to fully accept ourselves. The age-old problem of stereotypes is at work here. We must force people to see us as individual gay human beings, and not "faggots." Another beneficial effect of confronting our internalized fears and coming out is the euphoria associated with

feeling free to be yourself. Be aware, be proud to be gay, and be free!

I recently attended a meeting of the S&M Club in New York of which I am a member, and a couple of items of general interest were announced that I would like to share with you. Organizers of last fall's March on Washington are planning a follow-up event for this year in Washington, DC to mark the anniversary of the march. The event will not be another march, but rather a "spontaneous" outpouring of emotion in connection with the "Quilt" which will be displayed again. The Quilt, which is made up of cloth panels commemorating those whose have died of AIDS, has grown in size and will continue to grow as the epidemic claims additional victims. This year's event is planned for Columbus Day weekend, so you may want to mark your calendar now and plan to attend. The other announcement concerned plans for a national "Coming Out Day" also to be held this year, perhaps in the fall. Plans for this event came out of an activist's "War Council" held recently. Psyche yourself up for this one!

de KK3K

The "WMO bands" are officially channelized into ten 300-Hz slots for the narrowband telegraphy and direct-printing devices in use two decades ago. Packet radio requires greater than 300 Hz bandwidths, so the authorizations were requested under the Experimental Service; packet shares the same frequencies with other users by high-speed sporadic transmissions and carrier-sense detection to prevent collisions.

Brooks is operating as KB2XBB and Briscoe as KB2XBD. The assignments are for 1K10J2D transmissions, that is, 1.1-kHz bandwidth FSK data, sent on a single sideband with suppressed carrier. [In other words, exactly what Amateurs are using -- Ed.] Both are using 100-watt Kenwood TS-440S amateur radio transceivers. Brooks is using an AEA PK-232 TNC, while Briscoe is using an MFJ-1274. 500-Hz filters in the transceivers help the signal-to-noise ratio seen by the demodulators in the TNCs. Antennas are simple dipoles or verticals. The equipment and authorizations permit 300 bit/s transmissions using 200- or 600-Hz shift; only 200 Hz is being used at present.

An analysis of the amount of information that can be sent using currently available ocean data telemetry techniques shows HF packet to be a clear winner. Presently, several satellite systems are used to relay data. Satellites in low-earth orbit such as ARGOS restrict the amount of data that can be returned by a particular site because of the small periods of time that such satellites are visible at a given site. Geostationary satellites such as GOES are always in view, but the demand for their services relegates the ocean data telemetry collection function to, again, short periods. Commercial satellite alternatives exact cost penalties both in terms of equipment installation and fees.

HF packet, in spite of the variability of HF propagation, can now provide throughputs more than an order of magnitude greater than ARGOS or GEOS and at a fraction of the cost of a commercial system. Power consumption is another critical consideration for

HF Packet Ocean Data Telemetry

(From Gateway: The ARRL Packet-Radio Newsletter, 7-3-87)

[From time to time, we hear about applications of packet radio signals outside the Amateur Radio Service. These are often interesting from a technical standpoint, but they also serve to demonstrate that the reason for being of the Amateur service, as expressed in Part 97.1(b) of the FCC Rules, is still valid.]

David Brooks at Texas A&M University and Melbourne Briscoe, W1IAY, at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Woods Hole, MA, are cooperating on tests of ocean data telemetry in the (nonamateur) HF bands.

Packet radio techniques based on amateur radio protocols and equipment are being used.

The FCC has assigned six frequencies in the Experimental Service to Brooks and Briscoe. The frequencies are in the so-called "WMO bands" that were allocated about 20 years ago for ocean data telemetry; each band is about 3 kHz wide and is located between the voice and telegraphy segments of the 4, 6, 8, 12, 16, and 22 MHz Maritime Mobile bands. The authorized frequencies for HF packet are 4163.3, 6245.3, 8328.8, 12480.3, 16637.3 and 22161.3 kHz.

See "HF Packet" on page 3

HF Packet

operation on an unattended buoy or other small platform. While peak power consumption of an HF transmitter is high, the fact that transmissions are required for only short periods makes the average power requirement commensurate with that of existing systems, given the higher data rates of packet.

Tests underway now include a remote station on the R/V Oceanus that is transmitting shipboard environmental data back to Woods Hole. Both the remote and the base station at Woods Hole are configured as developmental stations to acquire information on propagation, data throughputs and protocols, with a secondary emphasis on equipment, and no emphasis on power consumption. The goal is to find out whether HF packet can fulfill its data rate promise, and later to work out low-power, small-size implementations if it seems worthwhile.

The base station continuously sends out a probe signal, which consists of a "C[connect] KB2XBD V[ia] KB2XBD-1"; this is a demand for the remote (-1) to digipeat the connect request. The probe is sent sequentially, a few seconds apart, on each of the six allocated frequencies. The remote station is listening for one minute on each of the 6 frequencies. If there is a propagation path between the two locations on some frequency, the remote will hear the request to repeat something and will do so. If the base hears its connect request repeated back to itself, it connects

to itself and tries to pass a test packet to see if the link is really solid or if it was just a momentary fluke of propagation that allowed the connect request to get through. If the test packet is successful, the base sends a disconnect request through the remote, disconnects, and sends a request to connect to the remote. Once connected, data is passed.

At the remote, a Compaq Plus computer is constantly storing in a buffer data records from the SAIL data-collection system. When the base has found and tested a propagation path, and has connected with the remote, a query is sent from the base to the Compaq instructing it to send records to the TNC for transmission; which record to upload is part of the query because only the computer at the base station actually knows which records have been received so far. Data is passed until either the entire buffer in the Compaq has been dumped or the link has failed and either end has timed out or retried out. In this developmental stage, however, the last record in the Compaq buffer is sent repeatedly so as to stress the link completely. The goal is to see just how much data can be shoved through the link. After a disconnect caused by a link failure, the base station begins the probe sequence again and the remote begins the listening mode.

The first test cruise was only 40 hours long and went less than 200 miles from Woods Hole. The link

performed well although (as expected) most of the data were transferred on 4 MHz except when very near Woods Hole.

Unfortunately, the antenna site was very near the ship's antennas and desensed the 2182-kHz receiver that the bridge officers are required to monitor 24 hours per day. A "kill switch" to disable the packet transmitter was installed on the bridge so the officers could stop transmissions; this was required to prevent interference to the ship's SSB receiver while communicating twice daily with Woods Hole, which inevitably occurs on the same band, a few tens of kHz away from the packet!

Data were transferred during this cruise at an average rate of about 84 bit/s while the base and remote were actually connected. The throughput averaged about 18 bit/s over the 40 hours of the cruise, which is two orders of magnitude better than ARGOS.

The second cruise was longer (4+ days) but to the same site less than 200 miles away. As of this writing, the data have not been reduced from this cruise, but appear to be comparable to those from the first cruise.

Further experiments include continuing the point-to-point testing and possibly implementing a networking scheme such that points between which there is inadequate propagation could communicate by having their data relayed by other stations.

From Mel Briscoe, W1IAY

Packet/RTTY Station Equipment For Sale

The following station equipment is being offered for sale by your newsletter editor, Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI). I am changing the configuration of my packet TNC and computer. I would like to sell this as a complete, packaged system for the new packet, RTTY, AMTOR operator. Note that a packet TNC is NOT included as part of the package. The cost of all of this purchased by me new was \$1499, and I am asking only \$500 and will include UPS shipping to anywhere in the U.S. If interested, call me at (213) 494-6765 or drop me a note to P.O. Box 91299, Long Beach, CA 90809-1299.

Commodore 64 Computer with 1541 disk drive, C-64 Training Kit, Star Micronics SG-10C printer, AEA CP-100 Computer Patch with cables to C-64, AEA-Soft "MBA-TOR" software cartridge for CP-100, Kantronics "Pac-Term" software cartridge and disk, CaGen "Contest Log" software on disk, 300 baud modem with software, Zenith Data Systems monochrome monitor for C-64, Simon's BASIC software cartridge, Muse "Smart Start" software on disk, "Net Worth" personal finance software package, Timeworks "Word Writer" software package, and the following books: "Inside Commodore DOS," "Commodore Programmer's Reference Guide," "Basic Commodore 64 BASIC," & "Compute's 3rd Book of Commodore 64." All documentation is included, of course. Please note that while the 1541 disk drive has had little usage, it currently does not work properly and may need repair. All in all, it is an excellent system and has not yet been taken out of service at my QTH.

LAMBDA NET SCHEDULES

NATIONAL SCHEDULES

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|-----|-----|-------|----------|----------|----------------------|
| SSB | Sun | 1900Z | 1500 EDT | 1200 PDT | 14.320 to 14.325 MHz |
| SSB | Sun | 1930Z | 1530 EDT | 1230 PDT | 21.425 MHz |
| SSB | Sun | 0245Z | 2245 EDT | 1945 PDT | 3.860 to 3.865 MHz |

EASTERN SCHEDULES

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|------|-----|-------|----------|----------|--------------------|
| RTTY | Tue | 0100Z | 2100 EDT | 1800 PDT | 3.630 MHz |
| SSB | Thu | 2330Z | 1930 EDT | 1630 PDT | 3.860 MHz |
| CW | Sun | 1600Z | 1200 EDT | 0900 PDT | 7.140 to 7.145 MHz |

WESTERN SCHEDULES

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|-----|-----|-------|----------|----------|-----------|
| CW | Tue | 0130Z | | | |
| | Mon | | 2130 EDT | 1830 PDT | 3.700 MHz |
| SSB | Sun | 2100Z | 1700 EDT | 1400 PDT | 7.280 MHz |

All schedules are + or - QRM)

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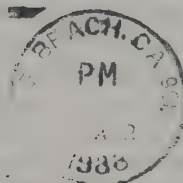
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Newsbits

By Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

Golden Gate Chapter Plans Participation In Gay Pride Day Events

The LARC Golden Gate Chapter in San Francisco had their regular monthly meeting at Larry (WB9LOZ) and Bill's (K9AT) place. Members decided to set up a booth at both the San Jose and San Francisco Gay Pride Day celebrations this June. San Francisco's Gay Pride Day will also coincide with Field Day, so the booth will also be a Field Day Station that day! Two new members of the chapter attended the January meeting: Peter (AA6FI, also a member of LARC National) and Jim (WB6REE). The chapter also plans to help out with the Different Spokes Bike-A-Thon on May 14th. This will be the second year the club has helped out with this event, which last year raised over a third of a million dollars to fight AIDS. Congratulations to the San Francisco LARC Golden Gate Chapter for their planned activities ... and Good Luck!

LARC Invited To Participate In Baltimore Gay Pride Day Celebration

LARC has received an invite from the Pride Committee of the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Baltimore to participate in the 1988 Baltimore Gay Pride Day Celebration to be held on Sunday, June 12, 1988. The theme of the celebration is "Rightfully Proud" and there are cash awards and trophies for participants in six different categories. Vehicles, floats and booths will be a part of the planned celebration. LARC has now been invited to participate in Gay Pride celebrations in both Washington, DC and Baltimore,

MD. Potomac Chapter members may want to consider participating in one or both of these events!

K3AKK In The Hospital

Washington, DC area LARC member Dick (K3AKK) has been hospitalized for surgery. Best wishes for a speedy recovery, Dick! K3AF, Dick's NET/ROM packet station is down and NET/ROM activity is hurting without Dick's station on the air.

New Member Information

Welcome aboard to new LARC member Leonard Jenkins (KB8DOA), 2595 Terrace Avenue #11, Akron, OH 44312-2767. Leonard does not have a transmitting antenna up yet, but he does have a receiver so he'll have the opportunity to listen in until he gets on the air.

New LARC Awards Program Coming

A new program to promote QSOs of all types between LARC members will be unveiled at the LARC Annual Meeting at the Dayton Hamvention, April 30th. The program is being finalized and sample award certificates will be shown at the meeting.

LARC Awards Coordinator Sought

This is the perfect assignment for the contester or DXer. We need someone to oversee the new LARC Awards Program. The light duties include checking the award applications and keeping track of who has received prior awards. If you're interested, and this is one of the "fun" jobs in the club, drop a note to Don Bledsoe, P.O. Box 91299, Long Beach, CA 90809-1299.

*** CONNECTED TO WB9LOZ

By Larry Kenney (WB9LOZ, San Francisco, CA), LARC Packet Radio Coordinator

Several members have responded to the message I sent out on packet after the publication of the packet roster. I've heard from KK3K, K3AKK, KC3XC, K4UW, K5MWG, K6VE, KB6KUC, WB6LYI, KA7MYS, and W9BVD. Thanks for responding! I've also had a packet QSO with Al (K5MWG) on 20 meters. I wonder how many other packet contacts have been made between members of the club?

Thanks for Dick (K3AKK) for the informative article on the DCA nodes in the January newsletter. You guys have been busy! You really have a nice system operating in the Washington area! Congratulations!

W6PW-3, the San Francisco Radio Club BBS that Bill (K9AT) and I are sysops for, is now operating on 7093 KHz in addition to the 2 meter and 220 MHz ports. If you're able to operate on 40 meter packet, try to

connect when conditions permit. Al (K5MWG) has already connected with a very good signal in here from Baton Rouge, LA.

Packet is beginning to show signs of life on both 15 and 10 meter bands now that conditions are improving. On 15 meters, you should copy packet activity on 21.102 and 21.107, and on 10 meters at 28.105 and 28.150. In addition, a group of Tucson hams are trying to establish a packet bandplan for 10 meter FM:

| | | | |
|--------|-------------|--------|-----|
| 29.010 | DX Calling | 29.070 | BBS |
| 29.030 | USA Calling | 29.090 | BBS |
| 29.050 | USA Chat | | |

I understand the shift is 1000 Hz (Bell 202) on 10 meter FM.

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President's Key

By Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

Planning to buy a new HF rig or 2-meter hand-talkie with your tax return money? I'll bet you're ready to run out and charge it on your VISA card and then pay it off when you get the check from Uncle Sam in six weeks or so. DON'T DO IT! Get the new rig by all means, but don't use your VISA card to buy it. In fact, don't use your VISA card at all.

The United States Olympic Committee has won a lengthy anti-gay legal battle against the organizers of the Gay Games, formerly the Gay Olympic Games, held in San Francisco. The USOC never objected when the term Olympic was used to everything from pizza parlors to bowling alleys until gay athletes began using the title of Gay Olympic Games for our athletic event. Then, the USOC sued to prevent us from using the word Olympic and eventually won in another anti-gay decision of the courts. The founder of the Gay Games, Tom Waddell, has since died of AIDS, but the USOC was so nasty that they even put a lien on his home to cover their legal costs.

What does this have to do with VISA? VISA has a national program started last year and which will continue this year whereby they make a contribution to the USOC each time you and I use our VISA card to make a purchase. Sasha Alyson, a gay publisher and activist in Massachusetts, has started a campaign to put pressure on VISA and the USOC. He suggests that you "clip your VISA" card, send him half to be used as a memorial to Gay Games founder Tom Waddell, and send half to VISA with a note telling them why you are cancelling your account. I have had my VISA card for many years and I had a high credit limit on it since I used it to make major purchases like new radios and airline tickets. I regretted having to cancel it. Nevertheless, I clipped it in half and sent half to Sasha and half to VISA with a letter of protest. Sasha has recently reported that VISA has not responded well to gays protesting their policy of contributing to the USOC, so we must keep up the pressure. If you want to participate in the protest, clip your card and send half to Sasha Alyson, Alyson Publications, 40 Plympton Street, Boston, MA 02118, and send half with a note of explanation to Jan Soderstrom, VISA Marketing Olympic Program, P.O. Box 8999, San Francisco, CA 94128. As Sasha says, "We don't get enough chances to fight back against day-to-day discrimination we face. But this time it's easy. Just CLIP YOUR VISA!"

I applied for a MasterCard and I hope I get it in time for Dayton! de KK3K

Read On!

By Nick Altenbernd (KA1MQX, Cambridge, MA)

I have recently read two books that I recommend to everyone ... gay, straight, old, young, lay, ordained, liberal, reactionary, male, female, and everything in between.

The Homosexual Matrix, (2nd edition), by C. A. Tripp. New American Library, 1987

And The Band Played On: Politics, People, and the AIDS Epidemic, by Randy Shilts. St. Martins Press, 1987

In 1975 I was just coming out (finally!) and was doing so primarily within the social context of a dreadfully establishment mainline church — high Episcopal churches are famous (not notorious, thank you) for their large gay populations. In the midst of this swamp and misunderstanding, cross-accusations and paranoid fantasies, there were precious few common-sense voices to be heard. I rather liked these people, but they were a bit high-strung for my complete comfort. The first edition of the Tripp book came my way just then, and I've breathed a good bit more easily ever since. It is a calm, dispassionate, empyrean view of why humans have sexual urges, and why those urges are directed in the ways that they are. He explains the reasons (occasionally obvious, but usually obscure) why established society, and often disestablished society, react to sexual matters in the confused, hostile and often deeply hypocritical ways they do.

Most books on homosexuality and psychology that I've run across proceed on the premise that there is a "normal" pattern of sexuality, and that other patterns are "abnormal," or "deviate," or something of the sort. From that point, the abnormal is of course damned, no matter how sympathetic the author might be. Tripp's

approach is quite different. His chapter entitled "The Origins of Homosexuality" is preceded by one entitled "The Origins of Heterosexuality;" he assumes neither. "Inversion and Homosexuality" opens: "Only in popular thinking are homosexuality and inversion synonymous." We've known all along who the Marlboro man really is, of course. Sex researchers have finally caught on, and now Tripp is going to tell all who have eyes to read.

Tripp bases his argument on two ideas. First, he makes an important distinction between ethics and morals. Freely paraphrased, it is something like this. Morals "bestow their allegiance on" whatever the local establishment is promoting as acceptable right now; ethics bestow theirs on more fundamental values, like kindness and fair play, which are near-universal in human society. Second, he investigates basic biological matters — how our hardware is wired up. Using these two points of departure, Tripp largely succeeds (as far as I can tell) in explaining the nature of sexuality. (Incidentally, while the book does not have anything to do directly with ham radio, the last word in the text is "transistors.")

Randy Shilts' history of the AIDS epidemic up to May 1987 (when the Great Communicator first uttered the A-word publicly) is one of the best and most horrifying pieces of exposé journalism you might ever read. It has the fascination of a serpent; I read its 600 pages in a bit less than a week, and was scared to turn the light out at night.

Reading the earlier part of the book was a scary reliving of 1981 and 1982 — a time I never wanted to relive, but maybe the reminder is a good thing. This time around, however, Shilts tells you what the papers

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*** CONNECTED TO WB9LOZ

Are you familiar with the CQ feature of NET/ROM? It was added in version 1.3 and is used for both calling CQ and for replying to CQs. Here are the details on how to use it:

The CQ command is used to transmit a short text message from a node and to enable other user stations that receive the transmission to connect to the station that originated it. The command is:

CQ textmessage

The "textmessage" is optional and can be any string up to 77 characters long (blanks and punctuation are allowed). Note that the CQ command cannot be abbreviated, since "C" is interpreted as a CONNECT command.

In response to a CQ command, the node transmits the specified text-message in "unproto" mode, using the callsign of the originating user with a translated SSID as the source and "CQ" as the destination. For example, if the user station W6XYZ connects to a node and issues the command: "CQ Anybody around tonight?," the node would then transmit "W6XYZ-15CQ: Anybody around tonight?"

After making the transmission in response to the CQ command, the node "arms" a mechanism to permit other stations to reply to the CQ. A station wishing to reply may do so simply by connecting to the originating callsign shown in the CQ transmission (W6XYZ-15 in the example above). A CQ command remains "armed" to accept replies for 15 minutes or until the originating user issues another command or disconnects from the node.

Any station attached to the node in command mode may determine if there are any other stations awaiting

a reply to a CQ by issuing a USERS command. An "armed" CQ channel appears in the USERS display as:

(Circuit, Host, or Uplink) CQ(usercall)

The station may reply to such a pending CQ by issuing a CONNECT to the user callsign specified in the CQ portion of the USERS display. It is not necessary for the station to disconnect from the node and reconnect. Here's what a typical transmission would look like:

cmd: C KA6YZS-1

cmd: *** Connected to KA6YZS-1

USERS

501SJC:KA6YZS-1 NET/ROM 1.3 (669)

Uplink(WB9LOZ)

Uplink(K1HTV-1) CQ(K1HTV-14)

Circuit(LAS:K7WS-1 W1XYZ) CQ(W1XYZ-15)

Uplink(N4HY)

CONNECT W1XYZ-15

501SJC:KA6YZS-1 Connected to W1XYZ

Hi Thanks for answering my CQ. Etc.

Users of the CQ command are cautioned to be patient in waiting for a response. Your CQ will remain "armed" for 15 minutes and will be visible to any user who issues a USERS command at the node during that time. Wait at least 5 minutes before issuing another CQ — give other stations a chance to reply to your first one!

Sounds neat, doesn't it? That's it for this month. Keep me informed of your latest packet news, and is you're new to packet, let me know where you are, what you're using and what your "Home BBS" is, so we can add you to the packet roster. 'Til next time ... 73, Larry SK

*** DISCONNECTED

Read On!

never did. We find out who was doing what in the government (almost nobody), who wasn't doing anything useful (almost everybody), and who was grinding their own axes (lots of people, but most of all Robert Gallo, the self-styled discoverer of the virus). If you remember public criticism of James Curran (head of AIDS work at the Centers for Disease Control) for not doing enough, or the right things, you will now find out that he and his pitifully overextended staff were almost the only people doing anything at all, God bless 'em.

Shilts traces the lives, sicknesses and deaths of a half-dozen individuals throughout the book. We see their lives slip away as the medical establishment, the nation's blood banks, city and federal governments, the media (gay as well as straight) and the gay community itself all refuse to act sensibly. Over the last five years or so the author has acquired the reputation in some quarters of being a grandstanding, self-loathing, reactionary Uncle Tom. Tragically, he can now reap the grim satisfaction of Cassandra; his gruesome prophecies ignored have all come true, and worse.

Two recent items caught my eye in the Boston Globe: 1) A local, health official said "The rise of AIDS cases in the heterosexual community is cause for concern." Are his audience to assume that the insidious

advance of the disease has not been a cause for concern for the last eight years? 2) The number of AIDS cases has now surpassed 50,000. This is more than the number of cases in the polio epidemic of the late 40's and 50's; more than the American deaths in Viet Nam, or in Korea. How much longer, how many more?

Both these books name Names (what names!), clarify, condemn, reveal, and, in very different ways, console. Tripp occasionally condescends to throw a well-aimed barb of contempt. Shilts is in his armor day and night, pointing fingers and publishing facts, driven by a righteous anger that sounds, looks, smells, tastes and feels like the late 60's — and, if we're lucky, the early 90's.

You don't have to live in New York or San Francisco to need to read these books. We've almost all lost friends to AIDS now; and that's friends lost to hatred and misunderstanding. Many people have been willing to appear tolerant of us, until the going got rough. Now many of them are quietly willing to let us die. Their consciences were pricked once; they need to be stabbed now. These two books can help. Read them, and recommend them to everyone you know, gay, straight, and everything in between and beyond.

LAMBDA NET SCHEDULES

NATIONAL SCHEDULES

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|-----|-----|-------|----------|----------|----------------------|
| SSB | Sun | 1900Z | 1400 EST | 1100 PST | 14.320 to 14.325 MHz |
| SSB | Sun | 1930Z | 1430 EST | 1130 PST | 21.425 MHz |
| SSB | Sun | 0245Z | 2145 EST | 1845 PST | 3.860 to 3.865 MHz |

EASTERN SCHEDULES

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|------|-----|-------|----------|----------|--------------------|
| RTTY | Tue | 0100Z | 2000 EST | 1700 PST | 3.630 MHz |
| SSB | Thu | 2330Z | 1830 EST | 1530 PST | 3.860 MHz |
| CW | Sun | 1600Z | 1100 EST | 0800 PST | 7.140 to 7.145 MHz |

WESTERN SCHEDULES

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|-----|-----|-------|----------|----------|-----------|
| CW | Tue | 0130Z | | | |
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Membership Renewals Update

So far, 57 LARC members have returned their membership renewal forms for 1988. We are still looking for 29 additional renewals, so if you haven't sent in your renewal form, please do so as soon as possible so we can update our roster and continue to mail out club newsletters and information to you. If you need another form, drop a note to the club post office box and we'll send you one. Remember, payment of dues is not required for membership, but returning the renewal form is ... don't be left out ... renew your LARC membership for 1988!

Dayton 1988 Countdown Continues

Our unofficial count at present shows 18 LARC members and three friends planning to attend this year's Dayton Hamvention. We have occupants for all eight of the rooms that the club has reserved. However, there is still plenty of room available and plenty of time to make plans to attend this year's Hamvention. Advise Howard (W9BVD) if you would like to make use of the room reservations the club has made.

LARC Golden Gate Chapter News

Francis Cummings III (KB7IP) was the editor for the January edition of the GGC (San Francisco, CA) Newsletter. The January meeting of the Chapter was

scheduled for January 14 at Bill & Larry's (K9AT & WB9LOZ). Topics for the January meeting included plans for participating in the San Jose Valley and the San Francisco Freedom Day Parades, information on a future Bike-A-Thon, and a general rag chew and eyeball.

LARC Certificate & Awards Program Proposed

Don (WB6LYI), LARC Vice President and Newsletter Editor, has proposed an awards program for club members. The idea is to encourage LARC members to work as many other LARC members as possible using different modes. Details have to be worked out ... we'll need someone to administer the program ... and someone to design and print a certificate. We could also use some suggestions from the membership as to what kind of program we should institute. Watch future issues of the LARC NEWS for further details!

Welcome To Our Newest Members!

Welcome aboard to Gerrald Gantt (WA4MKL), 4409 San Carlos Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030, and Peter Chastain (AA6FI), 1148 Sherwood Avenue, San Jose, CA 95126. Peter is also a member of the LARC Golden Gate Chapter.

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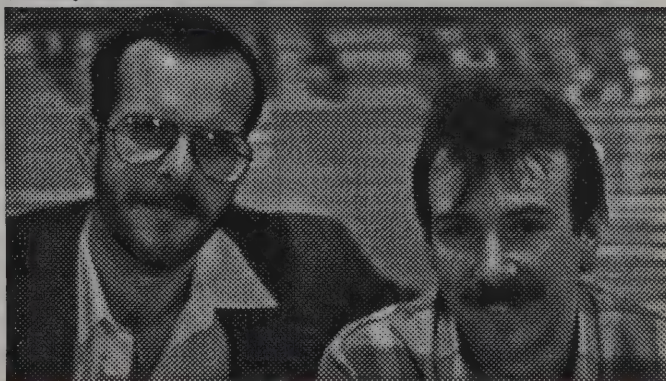
Hams Across The Sea

KK3K & G4ORX Meet In London

By Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

My lover, Dan, and I spent a week in London between Christmas and New Year's Day this past December. We had a fantastic time in spite of the rainy WX in London (none of the theatre roofs leaked!). It was unseasonably warm with temperatures in the 50's and we were prepared for the rain, so the WX was not a problem. We flew on Virgin Atlantic from Newark, NJ to Gatwick, outside of London. Both are modern and efficient airports. We stayed at a gay hotel called "The Philbeach Hotel," located in the Earl's Court section of London, a very popular area for gays which features several gay pubs and restaurants. The hotel was a no-frills affair, bed and breakfast, and it featured it's own small bar and restaurant downstairs.

I had written our UK LARC member, Pete (G4ORX), last fall to let him know we would be in London and to ask him if he could come down to London to visit us while we were there. Pete said he would, so he called us by landline after we arrived to set up a rendezvous. Pete took the train down from his hometown of Wolverhampton on Wednesday, December 30th, and joined Dan and I for lunch at a restaurant in the Soho district of London near



Jim (KK3K), left and Pete (G4ORX), right

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President's Key

By Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

Nets! DX nets, WAS nets, YL nets, computer information nets, County Hunters nets, Old Timer's nets, Swap nets, 2-meter nets, traffic nets, LARC nets. The bands are full of nets, it would seem. The bands are also full of people griping about all the nets! Also, ham radio magazines are constantly printing letters from hams which are pro and con on the subject of ham radio nets. How do you feel about nets? Not only nets on HF, which have been controversial, but also 2-meter nets. After all, a net is a net, and some of the things they all have in common is that they exist to bring people together as well as to serve a particular purpose, get a job done, and thereby facilitate the Radio Amateur in his use of the spectrum.

Most of the griping I hear and about in reference to nets has to do with DX and, to a lesser extent, WAS nets. DX nets and List operations are very controversial and there are persons like myself who are very much in favor of these nets and list operations, and there are some very vocal opponents of DX nets and Lists. I like DX nets because they give the average operator a chance to work DX stations without the need to run high power and jam the bands hollering and hooting his call over and over again trying to bang heads with the high power boys who's behavior in pile-ups leaves a lot to be desired. I feel that nets encourage courteous and correct operating procedures while preserving the challenge of DX operating because your station, equipment, antenna and operating techniques still have to be up to par to work the DX station. The only difference is that the QRM level is controlled and, hopefully, there is no malicious interference or lids on frequency, as there often are during some of the more notorious pile-ups. Personally, I credit several of the DX nets not only for many of the rare DX contacts that I have made, but also for teaching me many valuable techniques for working DX. I have always found these nets enjoyable, and a challenge as well, since there are still variables even in a net operation such as changing propagation, changing DX operators, and, of course, there is never any guarantee that a particular station will come up for any particular net, or that you will be able to work him even if he does! I have also found that the operators who frequent DX nets, both the stateside hams and the DX operators, are a very nice group of hams ... very friendly and helpful, and willing to welcome participation by all on frequency. The same goes for the WAS nets which I have also had the pleasure of participating in. These are nice, friendly people who enjoy the hobby and are unselfishly helping others to enjoy the hobby as well.

The hams who gripe about the nets are sour lot! They got the rare one by virtue of their 2KW and 70 foot tower. They didn't care how many poor slobs they clobbered with their splatter while they QRM'd half the band during the pile-up. All that matters to them is that they got the contact and they don't want you or I to get a chance to work him "cheap" via a net or list operation. This behavior is the direct opposite of the considerate, unselfish way in which most nets and lists operate. But these same "pro's" who complain about the nets and lists probably don't include their own 2-meter local nets where they rant and rave. I'll bet these same operators spend their free time on 2-meter local nets with club members and friends. I say, what's the difference? Aren't these 2-meter get-togethers also nets? The point is ... nets and lists facilitate everyone's enjoyment of the hobby, whether on HF or 2-meters, DX, WAS or friends around town. Those who criticize nets and lists probably all participate in them anyway and are just guilty of being selfish and not willing to give the little guy a break. Let's hope they can rise above this pettiness soon! See you on a LARC net or DX net! de KK3K

Hams Across The Sea

the West End theatre district. It was a real pleasure to meet Pete. Dan and I enjoyed the conversation and wonderful time we had with him for a couple of hours. He is a very pleasant and likeable fellow, a good conversationalist, and a nice looking guy as well! I mentioned that several stateside LARC members were eager to work Pete on the air, but Pete explained that it would be difficult for him to make our nets at present due to his station limitations. He may be able to join us on the air when 10 meters is open again. Dan took a snapshot of Pete and I inside the restaurant since it was raining heavily outside. Too soon it was time to say farewell as we had a theatre matinee and Pete wanted to visit several shops before his return train trip home.

While in London, I visited the offices of the monthly national gay magazine called "The Gay Times." Prior to leaving for England, I had prepared a three page press release about LARC, so I took a copy to "The Gay Times" office and I planned to speak with the editor and request that the magazine list our club in their "Resources" section. Pete (G4ORX) had suggested this and I agreed that it was a good idea. Unfortunately, most of the staff of the magazine was on holiday all week, so I had to leave an envelope with a letter and our club information enclosed. I asked Pete to follow up with the magazine and monitor the next few issues to see if they run either a short feature about our club or list us in the "Resources" section. It would be great if the magazine would list our club; we'll have to wait and see!

Unfortunately, the political environment for gays and lesbians is currently poor in the UK. While we were there, we read about a proposed law which seems a lot worse than the Helms-Dannmeyer amendment which recently passed back here at home. Pete told us that gay-bashings are a continuing problem and the Thatcher government is very anti-gay. The

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Members Keeping In Touch

Wayne (AI9Q) writes that he has decided to go into business for himself. He is opening a commodity futures firm in Vancouver, WA. He also manages a small investment club called the Growth and Yield Investment Club (GAY!). He writes that he and his lover, Patrick, visited Europe last summer. They stayed with friends Wayne has met while working in different places around the world. While Wayne is not on the air currently, he still attends hamfests and he asked ARRL VP Jay Holloway about the LARC issue last August at a hamfest in Tacoma and got a sympathetic response. He enjoys the LARC newsletter and congratulates those responsible for it.

Dan (K9TWE) writes also to say how much he enjoys the newsletter. He is not on HF currently and he recently purchased a Kantronics KAM to use for RTTY and Packet. His home PBBS is WB9TYT. He plans to get on the LARC RTTY Net, so we should get a chance to work Dan on RTTY and Packet soon!

Kelly (KA5MGL) has moved to a new address: 599 4th Avenue, Conway, AR 72032-5805. His job situation is still unsettled, but he bought himself a new IC-02AT for Christmas and is active calling the "Razor Back" Net on Saturday nights.

Peter (AA6FI) writes that he was first licensed in 1962 as a high school sophomore and passed his Extra class upgrade last fall! He has ordered a Packet TNC

and is looking forward to connecting his CP/M computer and working other LARC members on packet.

Robert (KB4KIL) relays that his Mom recently had a stroke and is now in rehabilitation and he will be busy helping out for the time being. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

Don (AA6GA) was heard Q5 in Philadelphia on the Sunday 20 Meter schedule on February 1st at 1900Z. Don was using a dipole up 20 feet and got through in spite of some heavy QRM. Don mentioned that he and Bob (WB6YYZ) has met two persons interested in LARC on their weekly CW schedule! Sure enough, Peter (AA6FI) mentioned that he had met Don and Bob on CW! Don said that the other interested person is a YL, so we'll be looking for correspondence from her soon. Unfortunately, the QRM got too heavy and we had to QSY and lost Don on Sunday, but we'll be looking for AA6GA to check-in again on the 20/15 meter schedule.

Brian DeWitt sent in his LARC renewal and is still studying for his ticket. Hope to work him on the air early this year!

LARC Members Heard On The Air

VE3OHG, K3AKK, N5HEG, K5MWG, N6EEM, KD2HE, K2JOZ, AF2K, KA8TZX, K9TWE, WA1EIG, KA1MQX, KK3K, W9BVD, K4UW, W9HRQ, WA1VEC, W4VIW, WB6LYI, WB6YYZ, WA0CFQ, KC3XC, KI4ZN, V3DOO, KA2EGO, AA6GA.

Hams Across The Sea

offices of "The Gay Times" burned several months back and the fire was believed to have been the work of an arsonist. However, the gay community in London is vibrant and they planned a large rally to protest the new proposed law. While we were in London, Dan and I visited the London Gay and Lesbian Community Center. It has its own pub and café and it is still funded by the government, although the new law will probably end the funding if it passes. The gay pubs, bars and restaurants we visited were full of British gays enjoying themselves and I hope they can continue to make progress in their struggle for equality in spite of the current repressive environment.

Dan and I packed a lot of entertainment into our one week trip. We saw ten performances in seven days! We were lucky enough to get first row tickets on New Year's Eve to see "The Phantom of the Opera," Andrew Lloyd Webber's great new spectacular musical ... and what a tremendous show it was! We also saw "Follies," "Chess," "Let It Be" with Maggie Smith, "Hansel & Gretel" at the English National Opera, "The Elixir of Love" at Covent Garden, a Pops concert at Albert Hall, "Les Misérables," George Bernard Shaw's "You Never Can Tell," and an Offenbach revue. We visited many art museums and walked around many parts of old London and the West End. We ate in a different ethnic restaurant each night that included Indian, Greek, Japanese, and Italian foods. We also took a full day bus trip to visit the Stonehenge ancient ruins, Salisbury Cathedral, and the City of Bath in Southwestern England. This was my second trip to London and I enjoyed it even more than my first trip. I am looking forward to returning again in the near future!



Picadilly Circus decorated for the Christmas Season.

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NEW!

West Coast Schedules!

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Newsbits

By Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

15 Meters Comes Alive!

LARC nets have been meeting on the 15 meter frequency with great success since November. For the first time in several years, East and West coast LARC members have been able to conduct QSOs on the regular Sunday afternoon 15 meter schedule which meets at 1930Z at or around 21.425 MHz. For example, on November 29 there were eight LARC member check-ins to the 15 meter schedule: Al (K5MWG), Don (N6EEM), Mark (KC3XC), Bob (WB6YYZ), Irv (AF2K), Wayne (WA6FXL), Dave (VE3OHG), and Jim (KK3K). Conditions are still a little rough; it will be some time yet before we return to the really good "armchair copy" conditions, but it is great to once again be able to conduct national LARC nets. Now is the time to crank up your old rig and join in on Sunday afternoons on 15 meters!

N6EEM Maritime Mobile

Don (N6EEM) has checked-in to LARC 15 meter nets twice during November and December maritime mobile off the coast of California enroute to Olympia, WA. Don has a good signal on the East coast and was Q5 at AF2K in Webster, NY and at KK3K in Philadelphia, PA. Don should get together with Howard (W9BVD) who is also a sailboat enthusiast with a boat on the Chesapeake Bay. Perhaps they could set up a schedule to work coast to coast maritime mobile!

Reduced Chapter Dues

The LARC Executive Committee has approved a reduced dues structure for LARC members who are dues paying of individual local LARC Chapters. This was done to encourage all members of LARC Chapters to become members

See "Newsbits" on page 3

Washington, DC Members Packet Up!

By Dick Wareing (K3AKK, Arlington, VA)

The DCA nodes started out innocently as a single digipeater, signing K3AF/R on the Northern Virginia LAN (145.07 MHz) in September 1986. The radio site of Silver Hill, MD is a suburb of Washington, DC and is a mile east of the city. A 330 foot tower atop a 250 foot hill gives a radio horizon exceeding 70 miles. With Dick (K3AKK) doing the engineering on the ground, Duane (K4UW) and Howard (W9BVD) have climbed the steps to the top half a dozen times. Duane compares the climb to the stairs at the Washington Monument. Unfortunately, the tower doesn't have an elevator. In August 1987, NET/ROM was installed along with a second TNC on the 221 MHz backbone. A 4-bay vertical on 221 MHz provided a solid link to the Elks Neck node at the head of Chesapeake Bay some 70 miles to the north. A month later, use of a Sinclair duplexer allowed another node to be added on 145.67 MHz. A beam on 221 MHz was added at the top of the tower on a phasing harness with the vertical. The beam pointed south and yielded a path to Richmond, 90 miles distant. A fourth node was added on 441 MHz to give access to local BBSs. Soon to be added is a fifth, lower power node frequency to provide a dedicated path to the University of Maryland (UMD) and the "Wormhole" (satellite link) to Palo Alto, CA. UMD is currently on 145.67 MHz. The sixth and final node will be an HF node on 28.103 MHz operating at 300 baud. Weather permitting, Duane and Howard will climb the tower once more to change the elements on a six meter ground plane antenna to ten meters. This may prove to be the most popular of the nodes when 10 meters opens to world-wide propagation. The latest version 1.3 of NET/ROM is in use, allowing users to make a CQ call on the node frequencies. The following is a guide to NET/ROM in the Washington, DC area:

See "Washington, DC Members Packet Up!" on page 3

LARC Library Started

The LARC Library has received its first "book" available for loan to any member on request. The "21 Day Novice" course by Gordon West's Radio School is designed to turn a prospective ham into a new licensee in short order so he/she can participate in LARC activities. Anyone can check-out the course, just drop a note to Jim (KK3K) at the club post office box and it'll be on its way to you.

Any donations are welcome and a pool of upgrade materials is being sought to upgrade General class licensees to Advanced or Extra Class. Send your old code/theory tapes or other study materials that are collecting dust in the shack to be added to the library. There's nothing quite like the very special feeling of pride and accomplishment that is the result of helping someone else achieve a special goal. There's a little Elmer in all of us waiting to act, so let's all help to help each other!



President's Key

By Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

Well, it's that time of year again. Time to make that New Year's resolution to do something that you know you should have done last year, or that you should be doing all along. There are the old favorites which appear year after year: quit smoking, lose enough weight to not look like a beached whale in July, find a lover and settle down (easier said than done!), etc. Well, how about a resolution having to do with our wonderful hobby, Amateur Radio? Lately, do you feel like you've been hamming more and enjoying it less? Or have you completely forgot what it felt like when you were first licensed and were enjoying those first few months of operating, the excitement of a new country or a new state, the uniqueness of a CW contact (anybody can talk, but only hams can communicate by pounding brass), the sheer pleasure of a rag chew and a new friend found quite at random as a result of a CQ call? If you fit into any of these categories, as I think you do, then why not resolve now to do something this year to resurrect your own enjoyment of the hobby? Here are a few suggestions: Resolve to turn on the rig and talk to a new ham at least once a week. Resolve to work one Novice a month for the next twelve months. Resolve to upgrade during 1988. If you like CQ, resolve to call CQ on the Novice bands once a week. If you're strictly a phone enthusiast, resolve to work a Novice in the new 10 meter Novice phone sub-band each time you operate for fun. Resolve to work all states in 1988. If you operate only 2 meter FM, resolve to at least investigate packet radio. If you're not computer oriented, resolve to investigate computers as used in Amateur Radio; it's no great mystery. If you are an old time technician used to 2 meters only, dust off the old HF rig; now you have phone privileges on 10 meters and we have a new sunspot cycle! If you only operate on LARC nets (like yours truly), resolve to do something at other times. There are endless other possibilities for a ham radio New Year's Resolution. The idea is to get back into the fun of the hobby if you've been missing out lately! Anyway, a ham radio resolution would be easier to do than finding a lover and a lot more fun than losing weight! de KK3K

LARC Financial Report

By Bob Laycock (K8UHL, LARC Treasurer)

LARC members from across the country rallied to Jim's (KK3K) request this past summer for special donations to support the club. A total of \$905 was received from 21 members, including two donations received at Dayton. Thanks to everyone — it really helped!

As of November 30, 1987, LARC's assets totalled \$1128.30 including \$936.60 cash-on-hand in our Philadelphia bank and \$191.70 on deposit at the Econo-Lodge of Dayton.

Income since Dayton totalled \$1075, including dues payments of \$170 and the special donations. Expenses in the same period came to \$895.06. They were for the LARC Banner (\$174.90), the Newsletter (\$538.16), and The Advocate ad (\$182.00).

Additional expenses are pending, including costs for production and mailing of the newsletter since July. Checks were sent to both QST and 73 Magazine for advertisements and both were returned when our ads were refused.

Again, many thanks to all who have offered special donations to the club. It wasn't required, of course, but it helped make the special photo-packed, post-Dayton newsletters possible!

The special contributors were: KA1MQX, WA1SEY, K2JOZ, AF2K, WA2YMW, K3AKK, KK3K, WA4ASJ, K4UW, N4VA, WB5MEI, AA6GA, WB6LYI, K7OO, K8UHL, K9TWE, W9BVD, AI9Q, WA0CFQ, WA0MBC, and G4ORX.

DAYTON '88 COMING!

Operators Propose Non-Radiogram Packet Traffic

(From Gateway: ARRL Packet Radio Newsletter, 12-4-87)

Ed, KA9TAW, of Bloomington, Indiana, has proposed a new way to send third-party traffic. His proposal eliminates the radiogram preamble. It precedes the text with the following information: the call sign and local PBBS call sign of the originating station; the date of the message; and the name, address, and phone number of the addressee. Ed proposes a "conversational" text. That means complete sentences, normal punctuation, no Xs to separate thoughts, no ARRL numbered texts and extending the length limit.

Ed calls his proposed messages "E-Mail" and says third-party E-Mail is meant only for packet radio. Ed also says operators should be willing to print and mail the messages. Ed doesn't worry about third-party E-Mail sitting undelivered on PBBSs. He expects PBBS system operators (SYSOPs) to take care of them. But he says third-party E-Mail is easier to deliver than radiograms ... so more operators will be willing to handle the messages.

Peggy Coulter, W9JUU, is Indiana's highest NTS official ... the Section Traffic Manager. She says it's OK for packet operators to send E-Mail to each other. But she does not recommend it for messages to people not equipped with packet radio. And Peggy says hams need not mail messages for other operators. If she receives a message she cannot deliver by telephone, she sends the originating station a service message.

Sy, KJ9L, handles traffic on several modes in the Chicago area. He believes Ed's plan should be adopted. But he says packet operators should reject third-party E-Mail they can't handle without using another mode.

from Indiana Packet NTS Newsletter

Washington, DC Members Packet Up!

DCA (K3AF) — 145.07 — Serving the Northern Virginia LAN and providing access to K4NGC-1 and WD4HXG-7 BBS.

#DCA1 (K3AF-1) — 221.01 — Hidden node accessing the 221 backbone and providing linkage to stations in the northeastern states via ELK, to Baltimore NBC and W3ITM-1 BBS and BALTO LAN and to Richmond RICLAN and to WA4ONG-1 BBS off of #RIC1. Serves the W3IWI BBS.

#DCA2 (K3AF) — 147.57 — Hidden node linking DCA to UMD and the "Wormhole."

DCA3 — 441.0 — Serving the N4QQ BBS.

DCA4 (K3AF-4) — 145.67 — Wide area access frequency serving MD/DC/VA users. No BBS or digipeaters on this frequency.

DCA5 (K3AF-5) — 28.103 — Ten meter HF node operating at 300 baud. (This node to be placed in service as soon as the wind chill factor rises above freezing.)

Dick, Duane, and Howard have had their problems with the DCA nodes, not the least of which was struggling the antennas up 330 feet of steps, attaching them securely in 25 MPH breezes, and making good, waterproof connections to the 7/8 inch hardlines

running up the tower. There are hazards in running TNCs in high RF environments. Early in the operation, Z-80 microprocessors in the TNCs would lock up from RF energy entering the equipment cabinet. Extraordinary grounding was provided. The shields of all coaxial cables were tied to station ground before entering the cabinet. AC power was provided in armored, grounded cable. The duplexer used on the 145 MHz frequencies provided suppression from adjacent transmitters operating at 141, 142, and 143 MHz frequencies. All cabinets were bonded together and tied to station ground, which goes to outside earth ground through large bonding straps. Twice, lightning have taken out integrated circuits in a TNC. This prompted the addition of MOV protection on the AC line inside the equipment cabinet. In the event of power failure, the site is provided power by an auto-start diesel powered generator. In the winter snow, though, it is a 200 yard hike from the highway through the woods on the dirt access road, and it is sometimes a day or so before the plow clears the road. Dick, Duane, and Howard are having a lot of fun keeping the DCA nodes going. One must remember ... it IS only a hobby!

Dayton '88 Promises To Be Best Ever!

Looks like this year's annual Dayton Hamvention meeting will be the biggest and best ever. Make your travel and hotel arrangements now. For rooms with the LARC group, contact Howard (W9BVD) for details.

Packet, RTTY Station Equipment For Sale

The following station equipment is being offered for sale by your newsletter editor, Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI). I am changing the configuration of my packet TNC and computer. I would like to sell this as a complete, packaged system for the new packet, RTTY, AMTOR operator. Note that a packet TNC is NOT included as part of the package. The cost of all of this purchased by me new was \$1499, and I am asking only \$800 and will include UPS shipping to anywhere in the U.S. If interested, call me at 213-498-1252.

Commodore 64 Computer with 1541 disk drive, C-64 Training Kit, Star Micronics SG-10C printer, AEA CP-100 Computer Patch with cables to C-64, AEA-Soft "MBA-TOR" software cartridge for CP-100, Kantronics "Pac-Term" software cartridge and disk, CaGen "Contest Log" software on disk, 300 baud modem with software, Zenith Data Systems monochrome monitor for C-64, Simon's BASIC software cartridge, Muse "Smart Start" software on disk, "Net Worth" personal finance software package, Timeworks "Word Writer" software package, and the following books: "Inside Commodore DOS," "Commodore Programmer's Reference Guide," "Basic Commodore 64 BASIC," & "Compute's 3rd Book of Commodore 64." All documentation is included, of course. Please note that while the 1541 disk drive has had little usage, it currently does NOT work properly and may need repair. All in all, it is an excellent system and has not yet been taken out of service at my QTH.

Do You Have Something For Sale?

If you have some gear you would like to find a "new home" for, the NEWS is the perfect place to list your equipment for sale. Just send the particulars to Don Bledsoe, P.O. Box 91299, Long Beach, CA 90809-1299.

About This Issue of The Lambda Net News

By now you've probably noticed that this issue of the NEWS looks different from previous issues. I recently acquired some new fonts for the page layout software I use to produce each issue of the NEWS. The font was chosen for its ability to be readable and more condensed than the font I was using. In short, we will get more information that is more readable in the same space we do now. Also, a new masthead was created and the large logo removed so that there would be more space for stories. You may have noticed that many of the lines have been removed in favor of an "airier" look to the publication. My goal is to make the NEWS easier to read so that you'll look forward to receiving each issue.

Newsbits

of the National LARC. The reduced dues structure is \$5 per year, and it is available to LARC members who are paying dues to support their local chapter's activities.

1988 Membership Renewals Mailed

By now, all members should have received their 1988 Membership Renewal Application. It is very important that all members who wish to renew their membership in LARC and continue to receive the newsletter send in the reply portion of the renewal form. Help us keep the club records accurate and up to date — send in your renewal today!

LARC Golden Gate Chapter News

Bill (K9AT) did an interview with the "Bay Area Reporter" that resulted in the publication of a splendid half page article in the November 26, 1987 issue. The article was accompanied by a large photo of Bill with other GGC Chapter members Bill Weaver, Larry Kenney, Arturo Salazar, Kip Brown, and Michael Kau. Great work, Bill! This was great publicity for the GGC Chapter. Wayne (WA6FXL) is working to establish a regular 40 meter schedule on the West coast [see the new schedule on the back page. -Ed.], contact him or the GGC for information. Several GGC Chapter members are planning to attend the Dayton Hamvention. The topic at the November meeting of the Chapter was simplex vs. repeater operation, and a lively discussion ensued.

Dayton 1988 Coming!

The list of LARC members planning to attend the Dayton Hamvention in 1988 already stands at 17! The club has plenty of space available, but we need to know who will be needing accommodations. Contact Howard (W9BVD) to make your reservation for space at our hotel.

New Rosters Mailed

Don (WB6LYI) did a beautiful job on producing and mailing a new club membership roster to all current members. If you did not receive your copy, write to Jim at the club post office box.

New Novice Learns of LARC at March On Washington

The club received a letter from a 17 year old high school senior from Akron, OH who saw the LARC contingent marching during the National March On Washington last October. This individual just passed his Novice test and he was writing for information so he could join the club. This proves that one of the best ways for club members to get the word out about LARC is to participate in community events and get into the local gay press as they have done in San Francisco. Information on the club was mailed to this new prospective member and hopefully we will be able to welcome him to the club soon.

Additions To Roster

Welcome to new member Gary Begin, 10400 Drumm Avenue, Kensington, MD 20895. Gary became aware of the club when he read an article in "The Washington Blade."

And also welcome new member Charles Garner (WA4ITY), 225 York Drive, Waynesboro, VA 22980

Please make a note on your roster of G4ORX's postal code WV14 9XN.

New West Coast Net Schedule

Don (AA6GA) and Bob (WB6YYZ) would like to invite all LARC members to join them on their weekly schedule. For CW operation, the net meets on Tuesday @ 0130Z (Monday @ 1730 PST) on 3.700 MHz +/- QRM. On phone, they meet at Sunday @ 2100Z (Sunday @ 1300 PST) on 7.280 MHz. So, dust off your mic and key and join Bob, Don and the gang!

Oops ... We Forgot To Tell You!

We didn't mention hear earlier that Ohio LARC member Brian DeWitt was also at the National Gay and Lesbian March On Washington held Sunday, October 11, 1987. Brian didn't join the LARC contingent as he as busy with the press corps taping the rally proceedings for Cleveland's weekly gay radio series, GayWaves, on WRUW-FM. Brian has been involved in gay radio ar WRUW-FM since 1982; the station has carried gay programming since the m'id-70's. Bob (KA8UHL) was also with GayWaves from 1984 until he recently left the show due to work commitments.

Atari PBBS Software

(From Gateway: The ARRL Packet Radio Newsletter, 12-4-87)

Mike Curtis, WD6EHR, has ported the WORLI PBBS software to the Atari 520ST and 1040ST computers. The program has most of the features of the original program and is available by sending Mike a blank 3.5 inch diskette and postpaid diskette mailer.

from CompuServe's HamNet

FEATURE

On-the-air and around-the-world, always on a Sunday

by John Zeh

Shady Grove resident Mark Wilcox is no frequent flyer, yet he has talked to Gay people in 41 of the 50 states, plus relatives in Syracuse, N.Y., without running up a big phone bill.

He has reached Gay people all around the world—Enrique in Spain, Rade in Yugoslavia, Ted in Boston, Gerald in Quebec, Bob aboard the Queen Mary docked in Long Beach, Hawk in Kentucky, others in Russia, the Ukraine, Bulgaria, northwest Canada, and the Arctic Circle. He's written to them, too.

But, the self-taught computer and telephone specialist has even avoided the cost of postage by transmitting over shortwave or "ham" radio—orally, and in writing through an experimental computer/satellite hookup. "Packet radio," so called because packets of sentences are transmitted digitally, adds a state-of-the-art dimension to an age-old hobby, allowing computers to talk to computers via amateur radio instead of telephones. "There's no cost at all, except electricity and start-up hardware," Wilcox said.

"You don't have to talk on the radio to exchange messages, and shortwave contact is easier than writing a letter," the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company technician said while downloading [printing packets] from his computer/satellite link. "But on the air you are beholden to the gods of radio propagation [interference and other forces affecting transmission]. If they frown on you, you won't talk to anyone," he said.

Wilcox can talk with other ham operators who are members of the Lambda Amateur Radio Club (LARC) on Sundays via an agreed-upon channel. He learned about the club through The Source computer utility and got help getting licensed through Montgomery County's amateur radio group.

"I don't travel, and I enjoy foreign languages and cultures, so this gives me a



LARC member Mark Wilcox, shown here with a feathered friend, flies around-the-world every Sunday on his ham radio set.

chance to use the languages I've learned and keep them up," he said in an interview prior to a club call one recent Sunday. "There's a real sense of belonging, keeping in touch with people you've never met or you see only once a year at an international convention. You're together via radio."

Shortwave broadcast bands send radio signals around the world regardless of political or national boundaries, allowing the largest possible audiences worldwide for relaying messages. Licensed operators number over 400,000. Listeners are estimated to be in the millions.

Amateur radio assures communication links during disasters, so Wilcox said he is prepared to "go mobile" with a car battery if a crisis occurs nearby. "During the tragic Amtrak train wreck outside Baltimore, the police radio repeater went down. Cellular phones were overloaded, but amateur radio was there and up [on the air]," he said.

To test equipment and range, operators

call out and listen regularly. "Between disasters, it's for fun," said Wilcox, who says he enjoys comparing Voice of America's slant to Radio Moscow's. Of over 4,000 shortwave stations around the world, dozens beam English-language newscasts and other programs daily toward grateful ears. "The world is full of events the domestic and the domesticated media never tell us about," Popular Communications shortwave magazine editor Gerry L. Dexter wrote in The Progressive.

Jim Kelly, LARC president in Philadelphia, said he makes a distinction between on-air communication where "bridges between different peoples can be built without political issues getting in the way" and off-air activities that can "advance Gay rights." He said LARC has been invited to participate in the 1988 Gay and Lesbian Pride events in the nation's capital and will have a contingent in the March. "We need to get involved politically."

Getting started

Wilcox says he outfitted his bedroom studio with new equipment for less than \$900, although it's possible to get started for even less because ham enthusiasts are always upgrading their gear and selling used hardware at low prices to others. Wilcox says he has heard of one operator's station going on the air for as little as \$65. Montgomery County zoning laws prohibit mountain antennas on towers or rooftops, so Wilcox must keep his in the attic, a

limitation eased by "digi-peeters," digital repeaters that link intermediate operators to relay packets of information to distant contacts.

A visitor to Wilcox's radio "shack" is quickly introduced to a whole new lingo—phrases such as "static crashes" (thunderstorms), "boomers" (loud signals), and "worm holes" (satellite links).

During LARC's on-the-air get-together recently, Wilcox talked with a Maryland man, Howard, who has a boat on Solomon's Island. "Hello CQ. Calling CQ on the 20-meter band. Kilo Charlie 3, X-ray Charlie. This is Mark, Mike Alpha Romeo Kilo," Wilcox called out.

"A lot of people were out today on the Bay, and the view was great," Howard replied. "Boy was it great!"

Discretion is the club's credo, says Wilcox. Nothing Gay-related or controversial is discussed. Ham operators are proud that their "gentleman's hobby" is not as "unruly" as Citizens Band often is, Wilcox says.

LARC began in the late 1970s but did not grow much until Philadelphian Jim Kelly initiated an aggressive membership drive and expanded the group's newsletter in 1983. Nearly 80 operators from the U.S., Canada, and Great Britain now belong and encompass a "diverse range of lifestyles and occupations," including a federal worker, electrical engineer, broadcasting professional, artist, printer, blue-collar worker, and a laborer, said Kelly. "I was a hard-hat when I joined."

Kelly said his goal to involve more Lesbians has been hampered by the Amateur Radio Relay League's refusal since 1985 to run an ad for the Gay group.

"We've had many meetings and handshakes with their people. We've raised their consciousness about homophobia. They know we're out there and are not going to go away, but so far they won't budge." One Lesbian joined recently after seeing an ad in the Gay newsmagazine The Advocate.

LARC's logo is an antenna atop a lambda, a combination of the international symbols of Gayness and wavelengths in equations. "People think we're some kind of antenna club," Wilcox notes with a smile.

"There's a dual symbolism because by and large our members are conservative. In some sense this is an elitist hobby of people who manipulate arcane formulas. And the mask of an antenna atop the lambda is a perfect cover for our more-closeted members."

LARC Promotion

This is what LARC member Mark (KC3XC) did to promote the club in his area. A member of the Potomac Chapter of LARC, Mark's effort has already encouraged a new member to join.

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By Jim Kelly (K3K3K, Philadelphia, PA)

Membership Renewals To Be Mailed In December

LARC membership renewal forms will be mailed to the entire membership during December. Membership in LARC runs from January through December each year and the membership forms help club officers keep up to date information on the members. Dues remain at \$10 per calendar year and no one is denied membership if they are unable to contribute. The LARC Executive Committee would like to emphasize that the club must receive each member's renewal application whether or not the member pays dues. If we do not receive a renewal form, we cannot continue to mail out newsletters since we must be certain of each member's correct address. Look for your LARC Renewal Form in December and be sure to mail in your renewal!

Washington, DC Area LARC Members Form Chapter

As many as 14 LARC members living in the Washington, DC area have decided to form LARC's second official local chapter. Known as the LARC Potomac Chapter, they had their first dinner meeting on November 11th at a gay restaurant in Washington, called "The Paramount." Seven members of the new Potomac Chapter attended the meeting in spite of the fact that the area was hit by a major early snow storm which dumped a foot of snow on much of the area. Attendance at the first dinner meeting would have been much greater, according to Potomac Chapter members, were it not for the storm. Reservations for 14 had been made at the restaurant. The Potomac Chapter plans to operate in an informal manner with monthly dinner meetings planned. Congratulations to the Washington, DC Potomac Chapter on its formation ... best of luck!

News From The Golden Gate Chapter

The LARC Golden Gate Chapter Newsletter for November was sent out to chapter members along with a roster of GGC members. The November meeting of the chapter was scheduled for Thursday, November 12th at Larry and Bill's QTH. Several chapter members have been busy writing articles for publication in the local gay papers, and a feature article on the chapter may soon appear in "The Bay Area Reporter." A packet BBS message announcing the club was sent to all PBBS in the Northern California area. Five GGC members attended Pacificon '87 in San Jose in October. Kit (WB6QVU) and Arturo (N6PGH), who recently joined the LARC National Club, have set up a new digipeater at their QTH, W6PW-4. Brian (KY3Z) has been visiting Mexico in business ... and pleasure, we hope! The GGC roster lists 11 members and the group continues to grow. Larry (WB9LOZ), the LARC National Packet Radio Coordinator, reports that the response to the packet information cards sent to the membership has been excellent and he has a roster of LARC members just about ready for publication. [Look for it in this issue! —Ed.]

Get Ready For Dayton '88!

Get out your 1988 calendars and start making plans to attend the 1988 Dayton Hamvention. The dates are April 29, 30 & May 1, 1988. The club has a block of rooms reserved for use by club members. However, space will be on a first come, first served basis. It is up to you to advise us now if you plan to

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By Larry Kenney (WB9LOZ, San Francisco, CA)

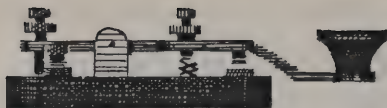
The LARC packet roster is finally a reality, but it's been a long, slow process to get it completed. The original questionnaire, published in late Spring, brought in only 6 responses. To try for a better response, Don (WB6LYI) printed the questionnaire on a post card and included it with the September newsletter. That made responding easier, and I heard from 21 other members, including a few who aren't on packet. I finally entered all of the information into a database, and we now have our roster ready for publication. Thanks to all who sent in a response. Check the information in your listing, and let me know if any changes are needed. If you're on packet but aren't listed, send me an update. I'll keep the database current, and when there are enough changes to make it worthwhile, I'll print another roster.

There are 19 members listed on this roster. As you'll note, many are very active, using packet on a daily basis. Some of you, like myself, are involved with the operation of bulletin board systems, digipeaters or NET/ROM nodes, and many have both HF and VHF capability. Other are just getting involved, and we look forward to hearing more from you in the months ahead.

All of you who have a "home BBS" listed on the roster should have received a message from me. It was sent out to say "hello," let you know about the roster, and to test the network. Now I'd like to hear from you. Did you get the message? If you did, how long did it take to reach you? By reading the message headers you'll be able to see when the message was entered here at W6PW-3, when it was forwarded,

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President's Key

By Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

Does anyone know where I can get my hands on a supply of lead foil wallpaper in a butch pattern? I have been considering papering my shack and I'm tired on dingy paint on the walls and cracks in the plaster. Why lead foil, you ask? No, not because I've been getting TVI complaints from the football fanatics next door! The reason is ... I want to make my shack and equipment NEMP-proof!

Wayne Green has been writing and talking about Nuclear Electro-Magnetic Pulse and its potential effect on all of our solid state equipment for some time now. We all know that Wayne is a bit of a fanatic, but (in this case) he makes some good points as well as some very scary predictions. Nuclear Electro-Magnetic Pulse, in simple terms that even I can understand, is a high energy pulse capable of destroying solid state components over a large geographical area or even an entire country. It results from the explosion of a nuclear bomb. Of course, in the event of an all-out nuclear war, NEMP will surely be the least of our worries initially. However, what if, as Wayne suggests, "A terrorist group finally manages to smuggle a bomb into downtown Manhattan and sets it off ... a suitcase-sized nuke — one like we saw on the Connections PBS program a few months ago?" The effect on communications in a case like this would be devastating. At a time when communications would be vital, all communications systems and components would be destroyed in the blast area, including all of our fancy handi-talkies and repeaters! We hams, who are supposed to be the emergency back-up communications system, would be out of business ... just like everyone else! Remember fellows, we're supposed to be a "national resource" according to the ARRL and others. Shouldn't we be concerned about our ability to perform vital communications activities in the event of such an occurrence? It is really not as far-fetched as we might like to believe in this day and age of the Iranian madman.

We are vulnerable, so what can we do about it? Wayne Green has written extensively about this subject, so get hold of some of his articles and read them. In the September 1987 issue of 73 Magazine, he again writes about this subject in his "Never Say Die" column. Read it. He also suggests some possible solutions: hardened ICs, NEMP-proof storage boxes for our equipment, etc. He points out that we have to start demanding answers to this problem from our Government. He claims the Government has information on how we can protect our equipment from NEMP, but is keeping it secret. This may or may not be true, but it is true that we really need this information!

Should I use lead-lined wallpaper or aluminum foil behind the mirrors on the ceiling?

Intrepid Hams

By Mark Wilcox (KC3XC, Rockville, MD)

In spite of a surprise snowstorm which dumped up to 15 inches of snow in some areas of the metropolitan Washington D.C. area, several intrepid LARC members and friends met at a popular local area restaurant to discuss formation of a Potomac chapter of LARC. Arrangements for this first meeting were coordinated through the efforts of Larry Vogt, N4VA, and Mark Wilcox, KC3XC. Those who braved the weather to attend were Larry N4VA, Mark KC3XC, Duane K4UW and his friend Gary, Howard W9BVD and his friend Bob, and Bob WB2PRC. It was decided that the Potomac chapter would have a dinner meeting the first Saturday of each month at a restaurant selected beforehand. There were lively discussions on several topics, not the least of which concerned the relative merits of various other patrons in the restaurant, as well as comparing tongues. Word has it that our waiter, Clayton, is still talking about that meeting! Any LARC members in or around the Washington D.C. area interested in attending may obtain additional information by calling Mark at (301) 258-9395.

Don't Forget the Library

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during your holiday
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and the route it took to get from San Francisco to your home BBS. Each system that handles a message adds an additional header, so it's easy to see which ones handled it. Were there any interesting "roundabout" paths to get the message to you? Please send your response to me @ W6PW and I'll let you know in a later column how ell the test worked.

Many members of the club keep in contact on a regular basis via packet. In the DC-Virginia-Maryland area, K3AKK, W9BVD, K4UW, KC3XC and KI4ZN are in touch quite frequently, and I've had QSOs with several of them using the "wormhole," a packet satellite connection between Fremont, CA and the University of Maryland. I've also had an enjoyable QSO with KA7MYS up in Tacoma, WA using the "molehole" on 2 meter packet. Members also exchange messages via BBS forwarding, and as noted in a previous newsletter, President Jim (KK3K) used packet to inform the new LARC Golden Gate Chapter of the Executive Committee's okay for use of the name.

Has anyone in the club made contact with another member of HF packet? From the information in the roster, it looks like 14.103 is where most of us operate on the low bands. I just recently got on HF, so I haven't had the opportunity to work any of you there as yet, but I'll be watching for you.

Now that the craziness of summer is behind us, we should all have more time to spend in front of our rigs and at our keyboards. I hope the new roster will be helpful for you in contacting other LARC members. Keep me informed of your activity! Happy Holidays to all of you!

73, Larry

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attend and would like to stay in one of the LARC rooms. All you need to do is advise Howard (W9BVD) that you are attending and need a room. Send him a post card, packet message, or a note to the club post office box ... just be sure to let us now so we can formulate plans for the entire group. Last year we had 23 members and friends and all rooms were occupied, although there was additional space left in the rooms. This year we are expecting the largest turnout ever, so make your plans now to attend!

73 Magazine Does About-Face On LARC Ad

LARC President Jim (KK3K) recently received a short note from 73 Magazine Associate Publisher Stuart Norwood informing us that 73 would not run our ad in their classified ad section. "We have the right to refuse advertising that we feel is unsuitable ... our reasoning always bears in mind ... that which is appropriate for our readers," wrote Mr. Norwood. Funny that Wayne Green did not voice these concerns when we met with him in person in Dayton in 1986. Jim wrote a follow-up letter directly to Wayne Green at his Callbook address to ask for a reconsideration of the decision. Perhaps Wayne never saw the original letter. In any event, we have had great success by publicizing the club in articles and profiles in gay publications, and through participation in gay community events. This route will be more productive for the club than continuing the bang our heads against the conservative ARRL and 73 people. LARC members should try to have their local publications spotlight the club. In most cases, the local gay press is more than happy to oblige as they are always looking for human interest stories. Hopefully, the club will have a press release published by The Advocate soon ... members are at work on this now.

New Member Joins After Reading LARC Profile

Welcome to new LARC member Gary (WA1EIG) who lives in Kensington, MD. Gary learned about the club by reading the profile of LARC member Mark (KC3XC) which ran recently in The Washington Blade, the DC area gay newspaper. Gary re-installed his 75 meter antenna after joining the club and checked into the LARC 75 meter net in November!

LARC Member Seeks Hiking Buddies

LARC member Chris (K8RY) writes that we would like to hear from anyone interested in day hiking. Chris belongs to a group of gay hikers who meet every Sunday to go hiking in the Olympics and Cascades. Chris invites anyone who plans to be in the area and who would be interested to write or call him at home. His address is: Chris Peeters, K8RY, 1445 159th Avenue S.E., Bellevue, WA 98008-5026. Phone: 206-643-3187.

New Membership Roster Out

Don (WB6LYI) has just mailed a new, updated club roster out to the membership. This is in response to many requests from the membership for a new roster. If you did not receive your copy, write to the club post office box and request another one.

LARC First Time Check-Ins

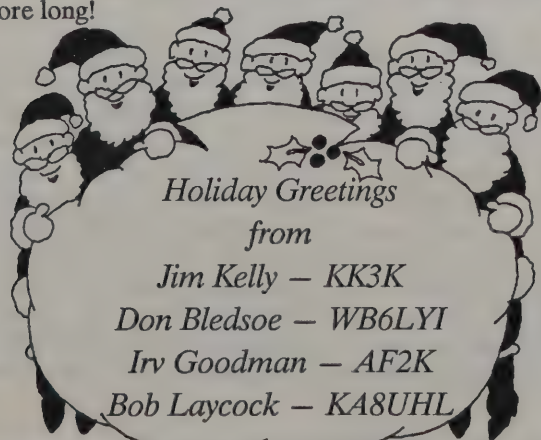
Bill (KA8TZX) recently checked into the Sunday morning CW Net ... his first time checking into a LARC net. Rick (K2JOZ) put his new ICOM IC-761 to good use checking into LARC nets on Thursday evenings and was also Rick's first time checking into a LARC net.

Sunday Afternoon National Sked Successful On 15 Meters

On Sunday, November 15th, LARC members met for the 20 meter SSB net with success. At 1930Z, some members QSY'd to 15 meters where, for the first time in several years, a roundtable LARC net was held. Wayne (WA6FXL) in California was able to copy Irv (AF2K) in New York and Jim (KK3K) in Pennsylvania. Poor Dale (WA0CFQ) in Kansas was skipped over for a time! The new sunspot cycle is apparently beginning to provide propagation opportunities on 15 meters, so check the 15 meter LARC frequency on Sunday afternoons for the LARC schedule!

Ohio LARC Members Keep In Touch On 2 Meters

Ohio members Bill (KA8TZX), Dave (KA8IKB), Bob (KA8UHL) and Dan (W8MTD) maintain contact with each other via 2 meters in the Cleveland-Youngstown, Ohio area. Looks like the club will have a new local chapter in Ohio before long!



A Holiday Wish

Another year is just about behind us! It's that time when most people seem to have a little more patience, a bit more kindness, and a few more smiles.

For me, as your editor, this has been a year of major improvement in the NEWS. It has been a great source of pride to me to hear the compliments many of you have given me. Thank you ... each and every one!

The Executive Committee of the Lambda Amateur Radio Club takes this time to wish you and your loved ones the very best of holiday wishes.

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WAIT!

Are you still sending RY's? You don't have to send RY's on the new LARC RTTY sked . . . just show up and we'll find you!!!

NEW DAY ... TUESDAYS!

By popular demand ... the LARC RTTY sked has moved from Thursdays to Tuesday evenings at 8 P.M. local time on the East Coast ... same frequency ... 3.630 MHz + or - QRM.

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LARC Members March In National March On Washington

Several LARC members, joined by lovers and friends, participated in the historic National Gay and Lesbian March On Washington held Sunday, October 11, 1987. Marching behind the club banner were LARC members Mark (KC3XC) and his lover Stuart, Howard (W9BVD) and his lover Bob, Jim (KK3K) and his lover Dan, and Bob (WB2PRC). Also marching with the LARC contingent were some friends of the LARC members. The group met on "The Ellipse" Sunday morning, marched the entire parade route, and was present for the rally in front of the Capitol during the afternoon. Press accounts put the total crowd figure at 200,000, however March organizers and anyone who was there put the figure at 500,000 or more. The weather was breezy and on the cool side, but aside from a short sprinkle, pretty good indeed for the most important gay event since Stonewall. This was a high visibility event for LARC and a good opportunity to get the word out about us to the community!



LARC Members March On Washington

LARC President Arrested At Supreme Court Protest

LARC President Jim (KK3K) was among the over 600 gay and lesbian protesters arrested by authorities on the grounds of the U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday, October 13, 1987. The protest was organized in conjunction with the National March On Washington. The theme of the protest was "Out and Outraged," and it was an organized, non-violent civil disobedience action designed to call attention to the unjust Supreme Court decision last year in *Hardwick vs. Bowers*. The action was successful beyond expectations, gaining extensive national press coverage in addition to local coverage across the country. It was the largest mass arrest since the May 1971 Vietnam demonstration in Washington, DC. Jim was not injured and was released late Tuesday night after posting \$100 collateral and forfeiting trial.

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Packet Operating Tips

(From Gateway: ARRL Packet-Radio Newsletter, 8-28-87)

Calling CQ Through NET/ROM

Here's a method for calling CQ through networks using NET/ROM:

1. Connect to your local NET/ROM node.
2. Establish a link to a distant "target" NET/ROM node.
3. Ask it to connect you to the call sign "CQ" with the following command:

"C CQ VIA FROM NETROM NODE xxx"

where "xxx" is the name of your local NET/ROM node. This will cause the target node to send out a connect request (SABM) to the call sign "CQ," and route it via the digipeaters "FROM," "NETROM," "NODE," "xxx." Of course, there aren't any digipeaters by those names (except the last one "xxx"), but people monitoring the channel near the target node will see this and will know how to respond to you (their TNC parameters MCOM and MRPT must be ON).

Some niceties of this method are:

1. The target node will send your "CQ" 10 times, then stop. You then have the option of trying again, disconnecting, or connecting to another target node.
2. When you specify several "digipeaters" as shown above, the target node will pause for a short time between each SABM. This provides a means to spread your CQ out over several minutes. If you don't specify digipeaters it will send out the SABM's every five seconds or so.

Important: Don't forget to enable multiple connects on your TNC so that if someone responds to you while you are still connected to the target node, you will accept his

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President's Key

By Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)



Coming from an Irish working class background, where male machismo has always been of prime value, I have found it difficult throughout my life to be free with my emotions. I have difficulty crying, no matter how good the reason. I have tried to break down the walls preventing me from feeling free to express real human emotion, but this has been a difficult struggle. I think, however, that this past weekend in Washington, DC I made a lot of progress as I participated in some of the most touching and wonderful events of my entire life.

I refer to the events surrounding the National Gay and Lesbian March On Washington held on October 11th. I would like to share with you some of the really fantastic moments of that weekend, as well as some of the sad and touching ones as well. On Saturday morning, October 10th, we attended the dedication of a memorial to slain gay hero Harvey Milk, held at the Congressional Cemetery. It was an emotionally charged atmosphere for the thousand or so people attending, and I was deeply moved when an emotional Leonard Matlovich addressed us about the importance of establishing memorials to our own gay and lesbian heroes, thus providing our own legacy for future generations of gay men and lesbians to admire. Leonard now has AIDS and, as I hugged him and gave him my love, the effects of this horror on his now frail body were evident.

On Saturday afternoon, a joyous crowd of 7,000 gays and lesbians gathered in downtown Washington to celebrate gay and lesbian relationships in an event called "The Wedding." It was simply fantastic to watch so many happy gay and lesbian couples openly affirm their relationships and their love for each other. I began to appreciate the motto of the weekend, "For Love and For Life, We're Not Going Back!"

On Sunday, as I proudly marched in the enormous parade behind the LARC banner with fellow gay hams, lovers, and friends, I felt as happy and free as a gay man as I have ever felt. Being surrounded by a half million of my gay and lesbian brothers and sisters helped heal the scars and the remnants of 29 years of unhappiness in the closet.

Later Sunday afternoon, as I walked in silence through the rows of the quilt composed of individual cloth memorials to AIDS victims. I was moved to tears as I read many sad farewells, and "I love you" sewn into cloth for a deceased lover...over and over again. My tears gave way to anger as I thought how our government continues to let our people die for lack of AIDS funding, while Star Wars and other such nonsense continues to receive top priority.

On Tuesday, I channelled my anger into constructive action as I joined over 2,000 of my brothers and sisters at the Supreme Court in a non-violent civil disobedience protest which led to my arrest along with over 600 others. I had agonized over the potential effects of my getting arrested on my life, job, etc., but I was committed to it. For me, it was more than worth the price. The action received great national and local coverage, and delivered our message to the nation: "We will not go back!" As I stood in handcuffs next to a man with AIDS, I realized that only fate has thus far prevented me from becoming an AIDS victim also. His disease, and his fight, are mine. His disease, and his fight, are all of ours.

I will be back to risk arrest again for Gay Liberation and an end to AIDS at the very next opportunity.

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incoming connect and not give him a BUSY signal! You should then disconnect your link to the target node before switching over to talk to him on the path he established with you. This technique is being used successfully in Florida.

From Tom Kneisel, K4GFG, on CompuServe's HamNet

Use SP As A Channel Decongestant

When sending mail or other information to a friend via a PBBS, it decreases channel loading if you used the "P" flag with the "S" command (as in "SP") when addressing the mail. This way, mail to your friend will only be displayed when he checks into the PBBS and will not be displayed or be readable by others except you and the intended recipient. This will decrease channel loading.

From Joe Wolos, WA1OCK

Using Carriage Returns In Packet Mail

This is to remind new packet users to insert a carriage return

after each 70 to 80 characters when sending packet messages thru a PBBS. All PBBS software requires that each line be terminated with a

for several reasons, the most notable being that if a PBBS receives a connect request from another user while your message is being sent, the message will be peppered with "**** CONNECT REQUEST W1XYZ" garbage if each frame of your message is not sent with a

. Also, messages sent without are very difficult to read by those using an 80-column display. It really does make a difference, so PLEASE REMEMBER TO HIT RETURN!

From Tom Clark, W3IWI, on CompuServe's HamNet

Electronic NTS Newsletter

Jay Farlow, WB9MDS, produces the Indiana Packet NTS Newsletter monthly, to provide a forum for questions, ideas, and comments on packet-radio traffic handling. He distributes it electronically to each PBBS in Indiana, and to CompuServe's HamNet. Jay welcomes your comments and questions at WB9MDS @ N9BAC or 72737,157 on CompuServe.

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LARC Member Profiled In D.C. Gay Newspaper

The Washington Blade, Washington DC's gay weekly newspaper ran a profile of LARC member Mark (KC3XC) in the October 2nd issue. The article included a picture of Mark operating in his shack and it also discussed LARC and the hobby, explaining quite a lot to those unfamiliar with Amateur Radio. The article was written by journalist John Zeh, who interviewed Mark and LARC President Jim (KK3K). As a result of the publication of this article, Mark received a call from an Advanced Class amateur in nearby Maryland who read the article and is interested in the club!

Tower Climb At K3AF

LARC members Duane (K4UW) and Howard (W9BVD) have been sharing the tower climbing responsibilities at Dick's (K3AKK) NET/ROM station. The tower is 320 feet high. Duane has climbed it at least three times and Howard has made the climb at least twice. Both Howard and Duane report generally cooler weather on top...and a splendid view as well!

LARC Information Table In Philadelphia

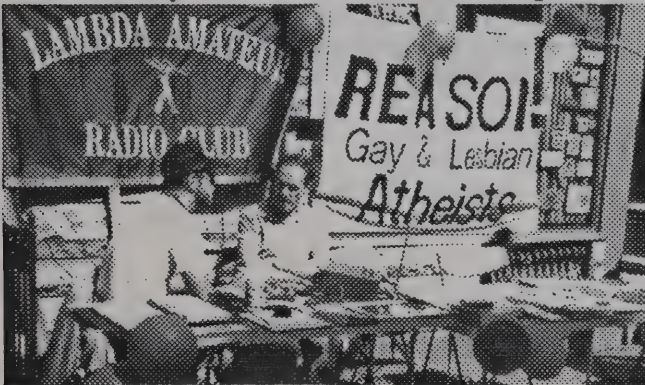


Photo courtesy of REASON - Gay & Lesbian Atheists

LARC President Jim (K3KK) staffed an information table at the Spruce Street Fair in Philadelphia on Saturday, September 26, 1987. The Fair is a street fair held in the heart of the gay community, and the table was set up and manned from 10 A.M. until 6 P.M. The LARC banner was displayed at the event, the weather was beautiful, and the turnout for the fair was excellent. Local politicians, including Philadelphia Mayor Wilson Goode

also attended the fair. Jim was aided by a non-ham friend, Skip Palmquist, who helped man the table. Another organization of which Jim is a member, "Reason" (Gay and Lesbian Atheists of Philadelphia) also consented to help out by allowing Jim to set up the LARC table next to theirs so they could help out when needed. During the day, a surprising number of people expressed an interest in Amateur Radio, including some who remembered first learning about the hobby through their High School Radio Club, and former military electronics and radio operators. Jim distributed brochures obtained from the ARRL and an information sheet about LARC. Jim set his ICOM IC-735 rig and people were amazed at the compact size and features compared with the "boat anchors" of yesterday. Also on display were copies of various ham radio publications and some of Jim DX QSL cards, which also attracted a lot of interest. The big surprise of the day was that three people who are licensed by inactive stopped by the table and expressed an interest in the club and in returning to the hobby! Jim recorded the names and addresses so he could send membership applications to these potential LARC members. Jim learned that staffing an information table on amateur radio at community events is a very worthwhile activity as well as a lot of fun! Anyone who would like to staff a table at their local community event should contact Jim for more information.

New Member K8RY

Chris Peeters (K8RY) of Bellevue, WA has joined LARC. Chris reports that he is a former contester and used to use a full size 3-element 40 meter beam with 220 feet of Rohn 45 operating at K8LX. He is working on his Master's degree and not on HF at the moment as he has little time for such activities. However, he writes that he might get back into operating in the future. Welcome, Chris!

West Coast Schedule Anyone?

LARC member Bob Reite (WB6YYZ) of Santa Monica, CA would like to set up west coast HF schedules with anyone interested. If you would like to help Bob get some local LARC HF schedules started on the west coast, contact him at P.O. Box 3213, Santa Monica, CA 90403. It only takes two to get started!



Mark (KC3XC) shows off his new car with ham radio plates.

LARC "Lending Library" Proposed

Don (WB6LYI) has proposed the creation of a LARC "lending library" to provide license study materials that will be available to LARC members to increase proficiency in amateur radio skills and to assist members in upgrading their license class. Any members who have materials they would like to donate to the library or are interested in assisting in the purchase of study materials and courses should contact Jim (KK3K) at the club's post office box in Philadelphia.

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LARC 75 Meter Nets Move

Effective immediately, all LARC 75-meter SSB nets will meet at 3.860 MHz, plus or minus QRM. This move is in response to requests from several LARC members who have indicated they would like to participate in the skeds. This primarily affects the east coast Thursday evening sked which used to meet in the Advanced Class band segment. However, the Sunday evening sked will also meet at the same frequency. Net times are not affected. Crank up your rigs and join in!

LARC Officers Approve San Francisco Chapter Name

The LARC Executive Committee has approved the use of the name "LARC - Gold Gate Chapter" by the group of bay area LARC members and friends who have formed a local radio club in the San Francisco bay area. The official notification was forwarded via packet radio by Jim (KK3K) to Larry (WB9LOZ) in time for the GGC meeting on September 10th. Jim also expressed congratulations and best wishes to the new chapter, the first local LARC chapter to form.

New LARC Member On Packet

Ed (WA1VEC) is now packet active from his home QTH in Rehoboth, MA. Ed joins the growing list of LARC members who are able to keep in touch easily via the growing packet radio system. Ed has sent messages originating from PBBS N1DKF. Say hello by sending Ed a message to this PBBS! Welcome to packet, Ed!

Check-In From 41,000 Feet!

In another first for LARC, member Jerry (WA3TDR) checked-in to the Sunday afternoon SSB 1900 UTC net aeronautical mobile at an altitude of 41,000 feet, 100 miles west of Kansas City enroute to Las Vegas on Sunday, September 14th. Jerry was 5-9 in Wellsville, KS at WA0CFQ and also at KK3K in Philadelphia! Jerry now holds the record for being high while checking in to a LARC net! Jerry was operating from a military version of a Lear 35 aircraft. Jerry plans to visit the east coast in 1988 prior to relocating to the New Jersey area. He also plans to get his station back on the air and check in regularly to the LARC nets. We'll be listening for Jerry ... and looking skyward from now on!

LARC - Golden Gate Chapter Publishes Newsletter

Members of the LARC Executive Committee received complimentary copies of a one page newsletter published by the club's Golden Gate Chapter. In the newsletter we learned that the chapter has established a simplex frequency for use by its members, 147.51. Also, the chapter plans to meet regularly, publicize its existence actively, and provide communications assistance for local events such as runs and bike-a-thons. They may possibly enter a float in the June Gay Pride Parade next year! The chapter coordinated communications help for Dignity during the Pope's visit. A post office box has been established, P.O. Box 14073, San Francisco, CA 94114. The Golden Gate Chapter is setting a fine example for the rest of us to follow. Perhaps we will see new chapters in areas with concentrations of LARC members, such as Washington, DC!

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Lou (W4PJG)

Globetrotting Again

Doc Lou Persons (W4PJG) is off on another trip combining business, pleasure, and of course, ham radio. This Fall he is in France, Switzerland, and Spain. The only definite operating times were September 14th from 4U1ITU in Geneva. However, he will also be on from the other countries from local ham stations.

The ARRL will supply a list of English-speaking hams in other countries that welcome visiting amateurs in their home. Lou notes that operating 4U1ITU is not as easy as they say however. You have to be a member of their club and pay membership fees, etc. in advance.

Last year, Lou operated from Japan, Singapore, Hong Kong, and the CQ World Wide SSB Phone Contest from Thailand. The club station in Bangkok was HS0A, and if you will note in the latest CQ magazine, did fairly well in the contest despite power failure problems.

Lou states that he probably would not have enjoyed several of the countries had it not been for the warm fraternal friendship of amateur radio to really get to know the people. Like sleeping, eating, and operating in a Japanese home.

Lou holds several foreign calls and has participated in several major DXpeditions. He has operated from 16 countries on both sides of the globe. He states that he no longer takes slides to bore his friends as he has all the pictures and memories in his head.

We may hear from Lou later about the night life in Paris, the Hotel de Centre in Nice, Hotel Romantic in Sitges, Spain along with their gay nude beaches, and Griffin's Bar in Madrid. He may even get on the LARC nets soon!

The President's Key

By Jim Kelly (KG3K, Philadelphia, PA)



I recently received a telephone call from John Zeh, a well known gay activist, radio personality, and journalist. John is currently living in Washington, DC where he writes for the gay newspaper there, "The Washington Blade." The purpose of the phone call was so that John could interview me in my capacity as the President of LARC for an article he plans to write about our Club for future publication in "The Washington Blade." John has already interviewed LARC member Mark (KC3XC), and who had shown John is shack and some of the information on our Club. I was delighted to do the interview, and happy to learn about John's article. It will be great publicity for our Club in the Washington, DC area.

During the course of our discussion, John touched upon many interesting facets relating to LARC, it's history, how it functions, etc. Perhaps the most interesting question he asked made me really pause and consider my answer. John related that he once interviewed a licensed ham operator who was an active socialist. At one point he asked this person if he was or could he use the airwaves to promulgate his ideas, and of course, the socialist ham responded that ham radio was a non-political medium by gentlemen's agreement, and not for use by individuals or groups for promoting political or controversial ideas of causes. John then asked me if we, as gay hams, felt bound by this gentlemen's agreement to refrain from using the airwaves to promote gay rights. In light of our activities with the ARRL and proposed participation in gay rights marches and gay pride activities, this question really made me pause and think before answering!

I responded to John's question by explaining that, indeed, there is a gentlemen's agreement not to discuss political, religious, or other controversial questions over the air. I explained that I thought this was good because it did enable people to communicate in spite of differences. We can work Russians and even Iranians, if there are any on the air!

However, I explained that I made a distinction between what we say over the air and what we say and do off the air. Off the air, I do not feel constrained by the gentlemen's agreement, I believe it is wholly appropriate for individual hams and ham clubs such as our to be active politically. In particular, I feel it is important that LARC take an active role in the struggle for gay rights. We are not the first or only ham club involved in such activities. There is a ham group serving missionaries, for example, thereby promoting religion ... which I find controversial because I am a gay atheist! They even use the airwaves and "QST" publishes their ad while refusing ours! I told John about our struggle with the ARRL and our proposed participation in various gay pride and gay rights events, such as the National March On Washington (or "MOW" as it has come to be known) and I emphasized that the current LARC leadership will continue the gay rights activism of the Club off the air. A mandate for this activity is rooted in the LARC Constitution, Article 2, which calls for promoting good fellowship, mutual support and help for members, and public service. LARC could provide no better public service than working toward the end of all discrimination against lesbian and gay people, and for equal rights for lesbians and gays!

de KK3K

March On Washington On October 11

March organizers have called all participants to assemble on "The Ellipse" at 9 A.M. The march itself is scheduled to step off at 12 noon. Please join us and march behind the LARC banner! Friends and associates are also welcome to march with us! We are expecting a very large crowd and the meeting area is large, so the best way to find the LARC group is to use the LARC simplex frequency of 145.80 on 2 meters. The LARC banner will be displayed at approximately 10 A.M. as a gathering point somewhere near or on "The Ellipse." See you there, October 11th!

LARC – Golden Gate Chapter Formed

As mentioned in the last issue of the NEWS, a group of gay hams in the San Francisco area have formed a local chapter of LARC, called the "Golden Gate Chapter." The NEWS inadvertently omitted their mailing address for any members who are interested in contacting them. Please write to P.O. Box 14073, San Francisco, CA 94114.

20 Meter Packet Radio Net

(From Gateway: ARRL Packet-Radio Newsletter, 8-14-87)

You are invited to join a 20-meter packet-radio system operators and system users net that meets on Sundays at 0200 UTC (that's Saturday at 10 P.M. EDT) on 14.280 MHz, plus or minus QRM. This is an informal voice net and all "packet people" are invited to participate.

— Fred, N2FOZ

Dear Mr. President

Dear Jim,

I just received the material from LARC and am happy to be a member, however, I wish to take another position in regards to your difficulties with the League. A famous local gay activist, George Hislop, once said (of another group to which I belonged), "Your very existence is a political act for gay liberation." Like it or not, we are in some sense an advocacy group. QST is an organ of the ARRL. The reason it cannot accept ads from advocacy groups is because the League itself is an advocacy group. It advocates the interests of radio amateurs as a whole and has to be perceived of advocating ONLY amateur radio interests. To do this, it must have a clear strong voice with only one message.

Imagine the following bizarre situation. Half the states had managed to make CB operation with a full kilowatt legal on 20 meter phone. QST gets an ad request from a 20 meter CB club. Could you imagine the howl that would make?

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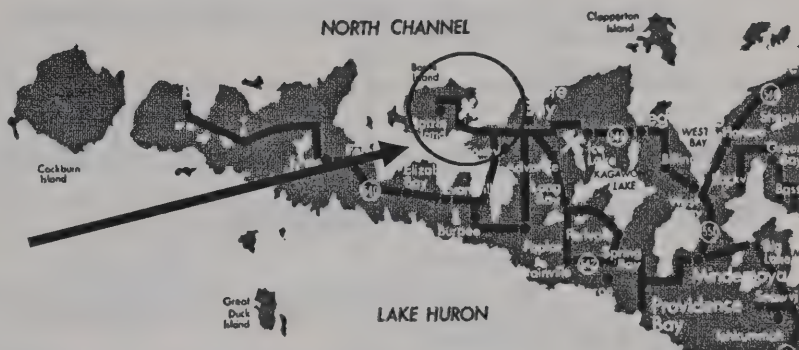
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LARC To Sponsor Information Table In Philadelphia

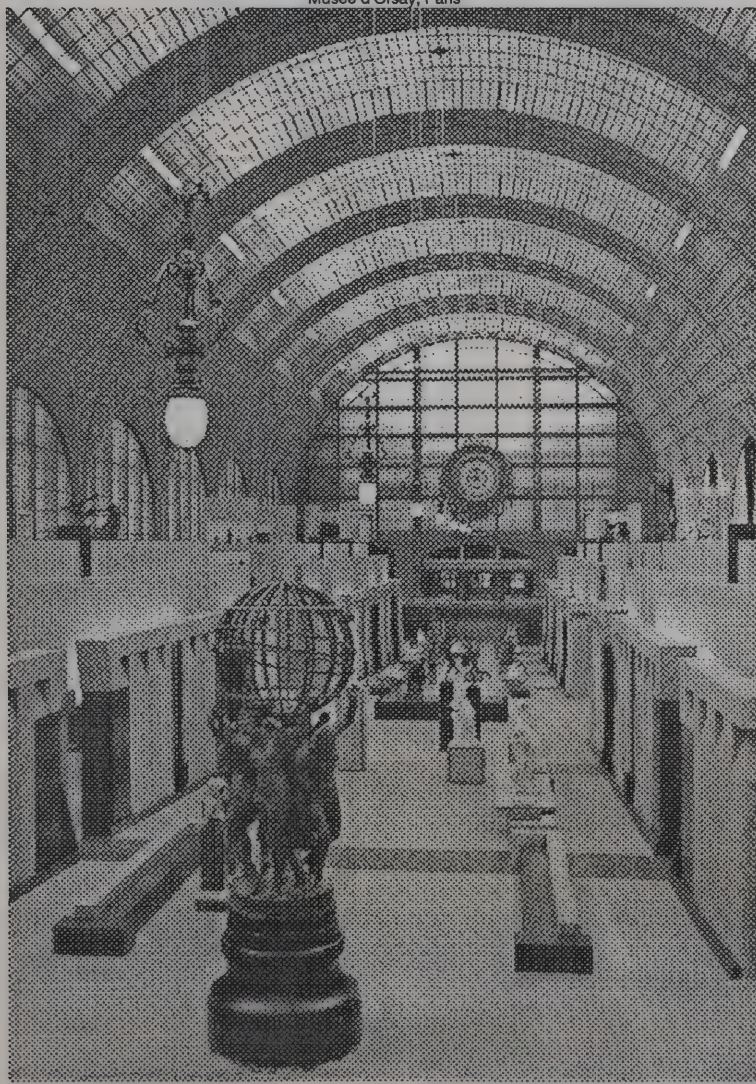
Jim (KK3K) has reserved table space at the Spruce Street Fair, a yearly street fair held in the "gay ghetto" in Philadelphia. Jim has ordered and received 300 brochures on ham radio from the ARRL and has prepared one page leaflets on LARC to distribute from the table. The Club banner will be displayed and some equipment will also be on display if Jim can prevail upon some of his non-ham friends and associates to help him out with the table. A report on this activity will appear in a future issue of the NEWS. Hopefully, we'll have some new prospective members as a result of our information table!

LARC Members On The Move

Nick (KA1MOX) spent a week's vacation on Barrie Island, a small island situated near Manitoulin Island, Ontario, Canada, which is in Lake Huron. Nick reports he didn't bring his HT along since there are no repeaters within range. How exotic! Mark (KC3XC) spent a couple of weeks in France in September, and he did get permission to operate while in France. We will be anxious to read of his escapades here in the NEWS after he returns. Lou (W4PJG) will be travelling in Europe this Fall and plans some operating while enroute. See his story in this issue.



Musée d'Orsay, Paris



LARC Members Attend Gaithersburg, MD Hamfest

On Sunday, September 13th, several LARC members got together at the large hamfest held in Gaithersburg, MD. Present were LARC members Howard (W9BVD), Duane (K4UW), Dick (K3AKK) and his roommate Joe, Larry (N4VA). Also along were friends and at least one new ham and prospective LARC member. The weather was rainy on almost the entire east coast the day of the hamfest, but, according to Howard (W9BVD), the weather at the hamfest cleared up by about 10:30 A.M. and a good time was had by all!

MR. PRESIDENT

(HI) I think we should respect the League's views in this matter, seek ads in other magazines or places, and when the law is uniform across the land ... then go back to QST.

73,

David Zackon, VE3OHG

LARC President Jim (KK3K) Responds

Thank you for your letter and your thoughts, David. I appreciate your taking the time to think about this issue and writing to express your ideas. If we are an advocacy group as you argue, we are no more so than the International Mission Radio Society or the Handi-Hams, both of whom advertise regularly in QST. The difference is that someone has decided that what these groups advocate is okay, but what we advocate is not. This is homophobia, and this type of discrimination will end only when we confront it each and every time, and refuse to permit it to go unchallenged.

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WESTERN SCHEDULES

No regular West Coast schedule is currently established.

NEW frequency!

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WAIT!

Are you still sending RY's? You don't have to send RY's on the new LARC RTTY sked . . . just show up and we'll find you!!!

NEW DAY ... TUESDAYS!

By popular demand ... the LARC RTTY sked has moved from Thursdays to Tuesday evenings at 8 P.M. local time on the East Coast ... same frequency ... 3.630 MHz + or - QRM.

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LARC Members In Touch Via Packet Radio

Larry (WB9LOZ) had a real time packet QSO with Rick (KA7MYS) via NETROM — San Francisco, CA to Tacoma, WA.

Jim (KK3K) connected with Larry (WB9LOZ) via the "wormhole" satellite packet link and a message in Larry's computer buffer — Philadelphia, PA to San Francisco, CA.

Al (K5MWG) has sent messages via HF packet to Jim (KK3K) — Baton Rouge, LA to Philadelphia, PA.

New RTTY Sked Popular

The new LARC Tuesday evening RTTY schedule is off and running with regulars Duane (K4UW), Richard (K3AKK), Howard (W9BVD), and Jim (KK3K) checking on the east coast.

K2JOZ Puts Up New Vertical

Rick (K2JOZ) has purchased a new Butternut vertical and plans to install it soon at his home in Long Island, NY. Rick's roommate, Tom, is studying in preparation for taking his Novice exam. "Congratulations, Rick ... Hang in there, Tom!"

WA1VEC "Powers Up!"

Ed (WA1VEC) recently went on the air with a new Kenwood linear amplifier. Ed bought the amplifier he was told that he would have to wait 6 to 8 weeks for delivery of a Henry amplifier.

LARC Receives Invitation to 1988 Gay Pride Day Parade

LARC has received an invitation from the 1988 Gay & Lesbian Pride Committee in Washington, DC. Mr. Scott Friedman, Parade Coordinator, also sent a cordial follow-up note suggesting that LARC might consider entering a vehicle in the parade. This might be a fine opportunity to demonstrate amateur radio with a demonstration vehicle!

LARC Packet Questionnaires

Larry (WB9LOZ), LARC Packet Coordinator, is still needing replies to his questionnaire from members active on packet. The survey is being run again in this issue for those who missed it...be sure to send in the reply card promptly!

National March On Washington

Reminder...LARC members planning to attend the National March On Washington for Gay Rights on October 11th please let Jim (KK3K) or Bob (KA8UHL) know you are going to participate.

LARC Executive Committee Extends Thanks

The LARC Executive Committee would like to extend a special "thank you" to all who generously responded to our request for donations. The LARC Treasury is well in the black now thanks to our loyal and generous members.

Ad Request Submitted to 73 Magazine

LARC President, Jim (KK3K), has submitted an ad to 73 Magazine. The wording of the ad is identical to the ad refused by the ARRL. Jim accompanied the ad request with a personal letter to Wayne Green (W2NSD),

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News From the Outback, Part II

By Dale (W4OCFQ, Wellsville, KS)

I guess it paid off to check by baggage as "Murphy" stayed behind and my trip to California went well.

I arrived on Friday, July 3rd, after a smooth flight out. Flights were on schedule and there were no problems.

I went to Chinatown with my brother and friends, who treated me to a meal in one of Chinatown's restaurants. It was different to say the least! Afterward, we saw a gay Chinese movie (yes, there is such a thing) at the Chinatown Theatre. It was called "The Outsiders." Basically, the plot revolves around an older queen who takes in homeless boys off the streets, his landlady, and one of the boys who has a tyrant for a father and who beat him senseless when he found out he was gay. We had to read English sub-titles as all the dialogue was in Chinese. It was filmed in Taipei, Taiwan and the aerial view of Taipei with McDonalds' "Golden Arches" in the distance was quite humorous!

Afterwards, we wandered around in Chinatown, which was fascinating. One alley that we walked down made you feel like you were in Hong Kong...not San Francisco.

Later in the visit, I went down to San Jose to visit LARC member Brian (KY3Z) and he treated me to a nice supper at a local steak house. Afterwards, we went out bar and disco hopping.

I also learned that my brother will be getting transferred to Stockton, CA. It's about 85 miles east of the San Francisco Bay Area. His employer is closing down the San Francisco office and sending everyone to Stockton. My brother is less than thrilled about this, but in

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The President's Key

By Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)



The August 1987 issue of the "Lambda Net News" marks the second anniversary of the publication of our Club's newsletter by Vice President Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI). On behalf of everyone in the Club, I would like to congratulate and thank Don for his efforts in publishing one of the finest newsletters I have ever seen from any organization anywhere. I receive newsletters from a variety of sources at home, including another national ham radio club, as well as several newsletters from various gay rights organizations. None of these newsletters even comes close in appearance to our own newsletter, and few ever contain photographs or reproductions. Don has been very generous sharing his expertise, time, and financial resources to provide us with a superior newsletter. It is important that we recognize his contribution and encourage him to continue his efforts.

The newsletter depends upon the input from the membership for its content. I try to consolidate small items of interest as I become aware of them, either by mail or word of mouth on the nets. I then forward these "bits" of news to Don, along with any other articles or items of interest, such as letter copies for reproduction in the newsletter. Some members write articles and forward them directly to Don. This is fine because Don is the editor as well as publisher, so he has final say over what appears in the LARC News. In fact, Don would like to encourage everyone to forward items of interest to him...whether it's a an article or small item. If there is one thing that the LARC News is lacking, it is participation by more members.

The LARC newsletter can also serve as a forum for the expression of opinions and ideas of the membership. Your daily newspaper has an editorial page full of interesting letters from readers. I would like to see letters from LARC members addressed to the editor of the LARC News, Don (WB6LYI), to be reproduced in upcoming issues of the NEWS. This is your opportunity to share some of your thoughts about the hobby, the Club, activities of the Club and its Officers, or whatever is on your mind...be it a compliment, criticism, complaint, or a fresh new idea. Of course, just like your local newspaper, the editor has final say over what is reproduced, but I'm sure Don will be happy to share whatever input he receives and I believe the Club will be all that much stronger due to any exchange of ideas from individual members. Give it a try!

This is the first article I have written in this format with some personal thoughts I wanted to share with the membership. I hope to continue with a similar column in each issue of the LARC News.

de Jim, KK3K

San Francisco LARC Members Form Local Club

By Jim Kelly (KK3K)

Several San Francisco bay area LARC members have formed a local amateur radio club, according to Larry Kenney (WB9LOZ). The club was formed at a initial social gathering of bay area LARC members, and it has met three times thus far. The club has monthly meetings and has instituted with plans to publish a newsletter and run local ads for members. Larry and Bill (K9AT) have been appointed coordinators of the club. The club has 12 members currently, at least 6 are LARC members. Larry has indicated that the club wishes to become an active "chapter" of LARC since the purposes of the local club are similar to those of LARC. Meetings are held at 8 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month. Contact Larry (WB9LOZ) for more information.



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giving him a little background on the Club and reiterating much of what was said when Jim and several other LARC members met Wayne at Dayton 1986. Hopefully, Wayne will be as good as his word and our ad will appear in 73 Magazine this Fall.

LARC Members Meet At Local Hamfest

The Gaithersburg, MD Hamfest will be held Sunday, September 13th. Several Washington, DC area LARC members are planning to attend. This is a large hamfest, as local hamfests go, but not as big as Dayton...but bigger than most! Anyone interested in attending should contact our Washington, DC area LARC members for more information.

New LARC Member On Packet

Jim (K3ATI) of Newportville, PA, north of Philadelphia, is now packet-active! Jim can be reached via automatic mail forwarding at his PBBS, K3PGB. Send Jim a packet message and welcome him aboard!

Another DC Area NETROM Node

Dick (K3AKK) has installed a packet NETROM node in the Washington, DC area. Dick's NETROM node is DCA-K3AF and his antenna is up 200 feet on top of a tower. LARC member Duane (K4UW) helped out with the tower climbing assignment during installation. Congratulations, Dick, on the new NETROM node!

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today's "tight" economy, what does one do?

While on one of the bay area 2 meter repeaters, I was discussing an old rig I had years ago, a Hallicrafters SR-34. It is a 6 & 2 meter AM/CW, 10-watt transceiver. It was a nice rig made about 1960. I was saying how I kick myself for ever selling it years ago, when another ham broke in and said he had one he'd like to sell. I went over and looked at it. It was on receive. The mic was missing and it didn't have any transmit crystals, but it looked solid and intact otherwise, and worked well on receive. When he said he only wanted \$5 for it — sold! I left it at my Mom's place and I'll go back and get it later. The SR-34 originally sold for \$495 with AC/DC power supply built-in. And it was a deluxe rig then.

On my last night in California, I went over to visit with Bill and Larry (K9AT and WB9LOZ). They treated me to a nice spaghetti and meatballs dinner at the "Sausage Factory" in the Castro District in San Francisco.

After my flight home, I could see that "Murphy" was pretty busy while I was gone. A 100 m.p.h. windstorm damaged my tribander. The director element came loose, but I was able to repair it. Murphy's little playmates, the "Gremlins," got into my air conditioner during a 100° heatwave. Finally, after a few miserable nights I beat on it with my fists, the gremlins left and it started working again.

Well, that sums it up for now. I'm looking forward to Christmas and my next trip out of Wellsville, Kansas!

Letters to the Editor

Dear Don:

It was a pleasure to receive the Lambda Net News, I always look forward to receiving the next issue of the NEWS.

The May 1987 NEWS was a very interesting and exciting newsletter. It gave me a better look at the club members, and what the club was about.

I was also in Dayton during the hamvention in 1987 and have been attending them for many years in the past but did not know that there was a gay amateur club.

I was wondering if there is room for a swap or equipment exchange list that might be included in the Lambda Net News. I suppose there may be some members that have equipment for sale that they may want to advertise, and this may be a way of doing it. This is just a suggestion and maybe other members may have a comment on it.

I always appreciate the newsletter, keep up the good work and will look forward to working you on the air.

Sincerely,

Harry Graziano, W9HRQ

Harry:

Thanks for the letter! I always like to hear from members...for whatever the reason or subject and I encourage everyone to drop me a note.

Your suggestion for a section on equipment sale or exchange is an excellent one! All you have to do is drop me a note with the particulars and I'll be sure that it gets in the next issue of the NEWS.

Remember...this is your newsletter. Send me your suggestions, complaints, and letters that air your views on a particular subject you'd like to share with other LARC members.

Pete Baggett (G4ORX) Settles Into New QTH

Our LARC member in Great Britain, Pete Baggett (G4ORX) reports he has moved into his new QTH and plans to install his station as soon as his burglar alarm is in. He would also like to hear from LARC members in the U.S.A. His new address is:

Pete Baggett, G4ORX
10 Finney Well Close
Sedgmoor Park, Lanesfield
Bilston, West Midlands
England

56-Kbit/s Modems Demonstrated At ARRL National Convention

(Gateway: The ARRL Packet-Radio Newsletter, 7-17-87)

The 56-Kbit/s modem was designed by Dale Heatherington, WA4DSY, was demonstrated at the 1987 ARRL National Convention in Atlanta July 11 and 12. The folks from the Georgia Radio Amateur Packet Enthusiast Society (GRAPES) provided the setting for an impressive demonstration of the modem's capabilities at their packet booth, with Doug Drye, KD4NC, acting as "point man" for the demonstrations.

The practical use of the modems was demonstrated by connecting each modem to a modified KISS TNC and IBM-PC computer running KA9Q's NET.EXE program, which uses the ARPA protocol suite. [See Gateway, Volume 3, Numbers 12 and 17.] Most impressive were the demonstrations of file transfers between similarly equipped systems, with transfer of a 1.2-Mbyte file being accomplished in less than ten minutes! The realization that the KISS TNC and the computer serial port limit the speed at which data can be transferred from the computer to the modem comes as something of a shock to those of us used to having the TNC's modem being the limiting factor! Now the roadblock to making full use of the speed of the modem is in producing a higher-speed digital device, be it a TNC or a plug-in board for a computer.

A number of beta-test sites for the modem have received PC boards and are in the process of constructing them preparatory to testing. There may be a few more beta-test board sets available as you read this. Beta testers are selected on the basis of their ability to return useful feedback to GRAPES. Minimum requirements for beta testers are: 1) availability of some test equipment, such as a 50-MHz dual-trace oscilloscope and a 29-MHz RF signal generator, 2) the ability to place the modem into use at a high-traffic site, and 3) a commitment to provide timely reporting of test results to GRAPES. Contact KD4NC for further information.

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Any ideas or suggestions?

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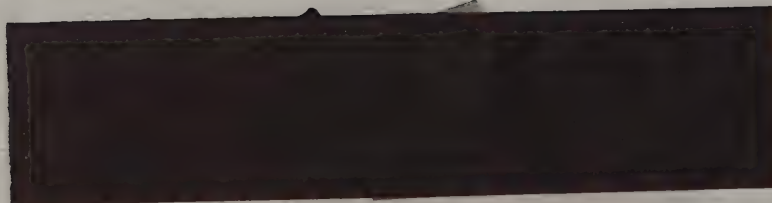
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By Jim Kelly (K43K, Philadelphia, PA)

ARRL Update

The ARRL has again refused to run a classified ad from LARC. In a one-page, tersely worded letter sent to LARC Treasurer, Bob Laycock (K8UHL), League Executive Vice President Dave Sumner (K1ZZ), justified the refusal by quoting the famous, catch-all "decline for any reason" sentence hastily added to the League's advertising policy after our first ad ran in November of 1985. The tone of Mr. Sumner's letter was unfriendly at best and hostile at worst. Sumner also claimed our ad was refused because League members have stated that they do not want advertising in QST that advocates issues which, of course, our proposed ad did not do. He also added that he would bring the issue up before the Board of Directors to make sure that he was proceeding according to their wishes.

LARC officials have patiently and quietly worked with the ARRL via personal contact and cordial and respectful letters for almost two years now in an attempt to plead our case and convince the ARRL not to discriminate against us. Unfortunately, our efforts have failed. Make not mistake about it, ARRL officials are homophobic and they have decided to discriminate against us because we are gay. Moreover, correspondence received from ARRL officials has been unfriendly and hostile. LARC members are fellow hams and ARRL members ... we deserve better! LARC members who find this treatment unacceptable are more than justified in writing to Sumner or their ARRL Director to protest this discrimination.

WA1VEC Upgrades Station

Ed (WA1VEC) checked into the east coast Thursday evening schedule

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News From The Outback

By Dale Clark (WA0CFQ, Wellsville, KS)

This is the story of what has been going on out this way since Dayton.

It seems as if Murphy has taken up residence out here. The Radio Shack Color Computer II I bought at Dayton had Murphy's little playmates, the Gremlins, in it when I got it home. It wouldn't do anything but put a funny color pattern display on the monitor TV screen. So, I had to send it back to Radio Shack to be fixed.

A friend of mine, Ken (KO0W — not a potential LARC member), decided to participate in the Field Day for the June VHF QSO Party Contest. Murphy went along for the fun of it, too. We operated in an old, abandoned drive-in movie theater. Ken went up on the screen to try to install a mounting bracket to mount the rotor and antennas. He almost passed out from the heat and had to come down quickly. Meanwhile, I developed a terrific headache from unrolling and sorting out the coax cables in the hot sun. I took some aspirin with some ice water and almost passed out myself — the temperature hit 104°F!

We finally put the antennas put on a 30 foot push-up mast and lost about 5 hours of contest time. One of my co-workers came out to visit us and to see our set-up. He is a large, rather plump person. He sat down in one of our operating chairs and promptly flattened it! The he managed to get up and bump into one of the tent legs and knocked the whole tent down. I was kind of glad when he left!

Finally, we got on the air. The band conditions were excellent. Six meters was open the entire contest weekend and we had a Sporadic-E opening into Florida on Sunday morning. We made a dozen QSO's into Florida on 2 meters. Ken

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A Trip To King Ludwig II's Kingdom*

By Jim Kelly (K43K, Philadelphia, PA)

* King Ludwig II, drowned at age 41 under mysterious circumstances, after being deposed from the Bavarian throne allegedly due to insanity, is widely believed to have been gay and has been portrayed as gay by biographers and in films.

Dan and I took off for Bavaria and this year's vacation on Thursday evening, June 18, 1987. Our flight left from Philadelphia, stopped in New York, continued overnight and arrived in Munich, the capital city of Bavaria at about 2 P.M. Friday. We managed to get a little rest on the airplane while crossing the Atlantic. However, between the meals, movies, and other interruptions, it is tough to get any real sleep.

We both felt pretty good when we arrived; picked up our rental car at the Munich Airport, and my first driving experience in Europe consisted of driving into Munich during the afternoon rush hour. I did pretty good with Dan's competent help as my navigator and we found our hotel, a gay guesthouse or "pension" without much trouble. We did get caught up in a maze of small, ancient winding one-way streets at one point, but we extricated ourselves from the puzzle after about 20 minutes.

After we got settled into our accommodations, we set out to see a little of Munich before sunset on our first day. We visited the town square or "marienplatz", site of the new and old town halls. The new town hall is famous for the glockenspiel clock with the lifesize animated figures which come to life two times a day during the summer ... at 11 A.M. and 5 P.M.

During the next couple of days, we visited many of the beautiful sights and museums of Munich, including the "residence" winter palace and the summer palace, the "Nymphenburg." We also started sampling Bavarian food ... very rich and full of

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on July 9. Ed had been inactive for many months, busy with work, etc. He has upgraded much of the equipment in his station and is now waiting for delivery of a Henry linear amplifier to complete the project. Ed promised to check in more often to give all the new equipment a workout. The members on frequency at the time were all glad to hear Ed check in, since we had not heard from him in quite some time. Ed's roommate, Phil, who is an accomplished skater, is doing fine and set to compete in National Finals in the sport.

Lisa Doiron (KB2DWB) Guest Op's At AF2K

Irv (AF2K) reports that new ham and LARC member Lisa (KB2DWB) was a guest op at AF2K recently, where Lisa had her first QSO's on SSB. Congratulations, Lisa! Irv reports that a "pile up" developed shortly after Lisa began operating, so she got a real friendly welcome to the bands and a good taste of the excitement of operating. Irv, fine business on your efforts to get Lisa on the air ... you're in the running for the "LARC Elmer of the Year Award."

RTTY & AMTOR Sked Active

Duane (K4UW) reports that the east coast RTTY/AMTOR sked on Thursday evenings at 8 P.M. local time on 3.680 +/- has been active lately. In addition to K4UW, KD2HE and K3AKK are active on RTTY and AMTOR. Anyone else who wants to join in on the fun are welcome!

LARC Contacts "March On Washington" Committee

LARC Treasurer Bob Laycock (KA8UHL) has sent a two page letter to the "March On Washington"

Committee informing the organizers of our wish to participate in the march to be held in Washington D.C. on October 11, 1987. Bob has also asked the organizers about their communications needs and suggested that LARC members who attend the march may possibly be able to provide some back-up or auxiliary communications for the march.

Several LARC members are planning to join the Washington D.C. area LARC members for the "March on Washington". We should have a relatively large contingent of LARC members present in Washington D.C. This would be a great opportunity for LARC members to get together for eyeball QSO's. If you are thinking of attending, please let Jim (KK3K) or Bob (KA8UHL) know. See you in D.C.!

LARC Vacationers On the Move

Dale (WA0CFQ) is visiting the west coast in July. Jim (KK3K) and Dan spent to weeks in Germany, France and Austria in June. Mark (KC3XC) is preparing for a trip to France in September. Howard (W9BVD) and Bob are set to travel west and south during July and August.

LARC Member Pioneering Packet NET-ROM

Duane (K4UW) has set up a packet NET-ROM node in the Washington D.C. area. The node uses the callsign K4UW-2 and is located near Dulles Airport. NET-ROM is a new, faster, and more efficient method of packet communications over distances. It is far superior to regular digipeating. Congratulations to Duane for his efforts in helping to pioneer this new advancement in amateur radio.

red meats ... sausages, wursts, veal, pig and the trimmings, fine German bread, and sauerkraut. We also visited the Hofbrau House, a famous beergarten and site of the Oktoberfest, and enjoyed a fine Bavarian brass band and another traditional meal of white German sausage.

Next it was on to Austria and Salzburg via another of King Ludwig II's castles and a trip to Hitler's outpost and bunker high in the Bavarian Alps, known as "Eagle's Nest." We enjoyed Salzburg, the birthplace of Mozart, very much. We visited the Mozart museums, including the house where he was born, and we attended a student production of a Menotti opera, "The Old Maid and the Thief" given at the music school in Salzburg known as "The Mozarteum."

After Salzburg, we returned to Germany and the alps for a drive to the two storybook castles of King Ludwig II, which are nestled into the mountainside high in the alps. On the way, we visited still another palace of Ludwig's, built on a different alpine mountainside. The weather in the alps was cool ... 70's during the day and into the 50's at night. We did have more rain and overcast weather than we would have liked, however, the sun did shine when we needed it to, such as when we visited all the beautiful castles. Driving on the German highways, called "autobahns," was a thrill. Our cruising speed was 130 KPH (85 MPH), and we often reached speeds in excess of 100 MPH! Even so, some people in BMW's and Mercedes' passed us like we were standing still. The Germans know how to drive at these speeds, everyone is courteous on the high-

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brought along an ICOM IC-402 432 MHz rig ... 2 watts into a 16-element Yagi beam. I was really amazed at what the little rig could do. We worked into Iowa and Nebraska on 432 MHz. This was the first time that I had operated on that band. I would like a rig of my own up there someday.

I made a trip to Kansas City to see my aunt who recently had a gall blad-

der operation and met Harry, N2CJM, who now lives there. I was chatting with him at his apartment swimming pool when an early ex-LARC member came down, Bill Cook, N0DMC ex-KA6GFH, who was on one of the early club lists. I had lost contact with him, but he recognized me talking to Harry. I told him about how LARC had grown and showed him pictures from

Dayton. I sure hope he will rejoin the club.

Well, now it's off to California to visit relatives and also some of our west coast LARC members. I will write more about this later. Meanwhile, I want to check my luggage to make sure "Murphy" didn't stow away!

way, and the trick is to stay out of everyone's way.

The two storybook castles are quite beautiful, every bit as impressive as they appear in the countless movies made using them as sets. We toured both and took lots of pictures. We drove on to the city of Ulm to visit the cathedral with its 596 foot spire. Then, on to Baden-Baden, the famous "spa" on the French-German border.

We crossed the border into France, enjoyed much of the French

countryside from Colmar in the Alsace region to Dijon, and then drove on to Paris. We stopped along the way at various hotels and sampled the excellent French cuisine. In Paris, we stayed on the Left Bank, visited Notre Dame, Monmartre, took a boat ride on the Seine, visited the new Musée d'Orsay, and enjoyed a Mozart opera, "La Clemenza di Tito," at the Opera Comique.

As the trip was now winding down, we left Paris and drove back to Germany and stayed in Heidelberg

for the last couple of nights of our trip. This university town, situated on the Neckar River, is a great tourist attraction, and is noted for the great castle ruin which overlooks the city.

On the final day of our trip we drove to the Frankfurt Airport for our flight home after a full two weeks and about 1,500 mile tour through parts of Germany, Austria, and France. The time went too fast, but we have lots of photographs to enjoy and remind us of our vacation!

LARC Rebuffed By ARRL Again

Below is the reply Bob Laycock received from the ARRL regarding our request for advertising in "QST," followed by Bob's follow-up letter.

June 17, 1987

Dear Mr. Laycock:

This is in reply to your letter of May 23.

First, I must take exception to your statement that you "were denied further advertising space solely because we are an organization seeking to serve licensed or potential hams who are gay or lesbian." That is not an accurate statement. Neither is it true that Directors Wilson or Turnbull support your "right to advertise."

The rules of QST Ham-Ads state that "The League reserves the right to decline or discontinue advertising for any reason." Our members have made it clear that they do not wish to see their Amateur Radio Journal used as a forum for issue-oriented, advocacy, or similar advertising.

After reviewing your proposed new ad, I find that it falls into this category. Accordingly, your check is being returned. However, I will review the matter with the Executive Committee at its next meeting, to ensure that I am accurately interpreting the members' desires as expressed through their elected officials.

Sincerely yours,
David Sumner, K1ZZ
Executive Vice President

July 12, 1987

Dear Mr. Sumner:

I have received your letter of June 17, 1987, and the returned LARC check.

One would have hoped in 1987 that the League would have an enlightened leadership.

Your rationalizations can not conceal the facts.

LARC's ad was not rejected, as you claim, because it was "issue-oriented, advocacy, or similar advertising." The reference to gays and lesbians in the ad was to define the membership in this amateur radio club.

The definition was found objectionable because the League finds us objectionable.

When people are found objectionable solely on the basis of inherent qualities such as race, sex or sexual preference, it's called bigotry. And, bigotry is among the most base and despicable of human characteristics.

Next time I'm in Newington, I'll remember to ride in the back of the bus.

Sincerely,

LAMBDA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Robert C. Laycock, KA8UHL
Treasurer

President Kelly Answers ARRL

The following is the verbatim text of the official reply sent to David Sumner (K1ZZ), Executive Vice President of the ARRL.

July 15, 1987

Dear Sir,

I have reviewed your letter dated June 17, 1987 sent to our Club Treasurer, Bob Laycock, KA8UHL, informing us of your refusal to run our club's classified ad in QST. While I was disappointed in your decision, I was particularly disturbed by the tone of your response, which was unfriendly at best, and, at worst, hostile. Mr. Sumner, your bigotry is showing.

In all of our communications with the ARRL and its officials, LARC Officers and members have conducted themselves as gentlemen, and with due consideration and respect for our fellow amateurs and League members, our disagreement notwithstanding. It is unfortunate that you, as a representative and spokesman for the League, are seemingly unable to respond in a dignified and compassionate manner to fellow amateurs and League members, as a result of your personal prejudices.

Your justification of the decision to deny our ad is ludicrous. The wording of our proposed ad simply defines and offers membership in our amateur radio club. The latest issue of QST contains items covering a wide range of topics, interests, and organizations, from Mickey Mouse to amateurs interested in the military, masons, beekeepers, mensa, war

games, and those interested in agriculture and plants. How do you then justify the inclusion of these items in QST, since you claim in your letter to us that our attempt to reach fellow hams with shared interests constitutes advocacy of an idea or group?

You need not hide behind the catch-all, "decline...for any reason" sentence hurriedly added to your advertising policy after you scrambled to appease the red necks subsequent to the publication of our ad in the November, 1985 issue of QST. Why not simply acknowledge the truth; the ARRL will bow to the bigots and discriminate against Gay and Lesbian Amateurs. Indeed, the ARRL motto must now be understood to read "Of, By and for the Radio Amateur, except Gay and Lesbian Amateurs."

Mr. Sumner, a day will come in the not too distant future, when your decision to discriminate against us will be viewed with regret and embarrassment by a more enlightened and less morally bankrupt League Leadership, that is, if the Amateur Radio Service survives. In the meantime, our club will continue to perform valuable services to Gay and Lesbian Amateurs, The Amateur Radio Service in general, and to the public. One thing we will not do, Mr. Sumner, is "go away."

Very truly yours,
James L. Kelly, KK3K
President
Lambda Amateur Radio Club

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Any ideas or suggestions?*

NEW day!

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WAIT!

Are you still sending RY's? You don't have to send RY's on the new LARC RTTY sked . . . just show up and we'll find you!!!

NEW DAY ... TUESDAYS!

By popular demand ... the LARC RTTY sked has moved from Thursdays to Tuesday evenings at 8 P.M. local time on the East Coast ... same frequency ... 3.630 MHz + or - QRM.

SEE YOU THERE!

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Philadelphia, PA 19130

Lambda Net News

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July 1987

Around the Net

By Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

I am hoping to be back from our trip to Bavaria by the time you read this column. I'll have a report on my trip in an upcoming issue of the NEWS.

I recently received a postcard from LARC member Dave (WD8IKB) Frizzell postmarked in Peking, Peoples Republic of China! We'll have to wait for the details of his trip until Dave returns.

LARC member Lisa Doiron, who recently passed her Novice exam, was just issued callsign KB2DWB. Congratulations, Lisa! We'll be looking forward to working you on the bands soon!

If you're a packet-active station, be sure to respond to Larry (WB9LOZ) Kenney's questionnaire in the May issue of the LARC News. Help Larry get the club organized on packet radio.

New member, Dick (K3AKK) Wareing has a big signal from the Washington DC area on our LARC nets. Good to have you aboard, Dick!

LARC President Jim (KK3K) Kelly would like to extend special

thanks to Don (WB6LYI) and Hershel (WB0MBC) for their generous contributions to the LARC treasury with funds specifically earmarked for LARC advertising. Thanks, fellows!

LARC Treasurer Bob (KA8UHL) Laycock has submitted another ad to the ARRL for the club. We have not received a decision from the League yet. However, some feedback received by Bob from a League Vice Director and by Jim (KK3K) Kelly from Great Lakes Division Director George (W4OYI) Wilson has not been all that bad. We do have our supporters in the League, and we've done some good work in an attempt to build some bridges, so let's see how it turns out this time.

LARC member Joe (K2BIG) reports he is enjoying his new position as a controller. Joe is interested in packet radio. He has the computer, but needs some packet knowledge, a TNC, and a 2 meter radio. Anyone with an idea of how to put an Atari 810 on the air on packet?

LARC vs ARRL: Round 2

The following is a letter sent recently to the ARRL regarding our request to run advertising in *QST*.

May 23, 1987

David Sumner, K1ZZ
Publisher
QST Magazine
225 N. Main Street
Newington, CT 06111

Dear Mr. Sumner:

Last year, I forwarded copies to you of correspondence sent by me to Larry Price, W4RA, urging that *QST* consent to run classified ads submitted by the Lambda Ham Radio Net (now named the Lambda Amateur Radio Club).

As you know, the Lambda Amateur Radio Club (LARC) ran an advertisement in the November, 1985, issue of *QST*. The following month, we were denied further advertising space solely because we are an organization seeking to serve licensed or potential hams who are gay or lesbian. LARC seeks to provide friendship, outreach, moral support and technical assistance to these hams in an effort to build and strengthen the Amateur Radio Service.

LARC has been very successful in attracting new members to the ranks of amateur radio and in restoring the interest and participation of several inactive hams. One person, after considering amateur radio for some time, finally decided to study for his Novice exam after hearing of LARC. Within seven months, this Maryland LARC member had passed his Advanced test! One new LARC member in New York has just passed her Novice test, and another person is currently studying for his license in Cleveland after joining us at Dayton this year.

We believe these examples illustrate the purpose and goals of the Lambda Amateur Radio Club ---- goals we are certain that the ARRL supports. Accordingly, with this let-

New Packet Book From TAB

(Reprinted from Gateway: The ARRL Packet Radio Newsletter, April 24, 1987)

TAB Books, of Blue Ridge Summit, PA, has announced the May 1987 publication of *The Packet Radio Handbook*, by Jonathan L. Mayo, KR3T. According to TAB, the book covers the history, operation, applications and technical principles of packet radio. The 218-page paperback is priced at \$14.95. For more information, contact TAB Books, Inc., P.O. Box 40, Blue Ridge Summit, PA 17214.

A Plea For Fewer Flags

(From Gateway: The ARRL Packet Radio Newsletter, June 5, 1987)

There seem to be a number of people around who don't comprehend the use of the TXDELAY command on TAPR TNCs and their clones. This command determines the length of time that the TNC transmits a stream of flag (idle) characters at the beginning of each packet, giving the rig sufficient time to reach full transmit power. The higher the value of TXDELAY, the more flags are transmitted. [The flags are also necessary to synchronize the receiving station's TNC to the incoming data, but only about 8 to 10 flag characters are needed to do that job -- Ed.]

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ter, we are again requesting the League and OST to carry our ad for members in the "Clubs/Hamfests" ad section.

Enclosed with this letter is the ad copy we wish to run and a check to OST covering two months' publication. As you will see, the ad's purpose is solely related to amateur radio. We sincerely hope that the League will permit our ad to appear.

We understand that it may not be a casual decision for the ARRL to agree to run LARC's ads. In a society where homosexuality remains clouded by myth and prejudice, we recognize that not all ARRL members will appreciate our work. But, we feel our efforts are an important contribution to building this important and worthwhile hobby.

With all the concern being expressed about the decline in licensed hams, it does not well serve the cause of amateur radio to discourage efforts to reverse this trend. The ARRL and FCC actions with regard to Novice Enhancement acknowledge recognition of this problem at the highest levels.

A 73 Magazine poll last summer graphically illustrated the crisis facing amateur radio. The poll was not scientific in its sampling, but nonetheless made an important point. [73 Magazine, "Fun Poll", June 1986, p. 83]

Question 15 in the poll asked the respondents how old they were when they first received their licenses as ham radio operators. They responded:

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| 15 or below | 26% |
| 16-21 | 28% |
| 22-39 | 32% |
| 40-59 | 12% |
| 60 or above | 2% |

Compare these figures to the current ages of the respondents as shown in Question 2:

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| 15 or below | 2% |
| 16-21 | 0% |
| 22-39 | 42% |
| 40-59 | 40% |
| 60 or above | 16% |

These figures suggest an alarming future for amateur radio! Over half the respondents said they became involved in amateur radio before the age of 22, yet only 2% of the respondents in the poll were today below age 22. Look at the ages of the people attending most hamfests and

one can see these age proportions are not too far off. Our hobby is simply not attracting enough new blood. This may not seem too serious now, but I think we'll all be shocked at the size of our ranks 25 years from now!

At our 1986 Annual Meeting the LARC members launched a campaign to help promote amateur radio among the students and faculty at New York City's Harvey Milk High School. (Harvey Milk High School was established in 1985 by the New York Public Schools as a special high school for gay youth ---- the first school of its kind in the country.)

We have been in contact with the school and received a positive response to our offer of assistance in setting up a formal radio club and on-site station. We'll help assist those students and faculty interested in amateur radio to get their licenses and become active in the hobby. Beyond this, I would hope we can help launch some of these students towards successful careers in electronics or communications as an outgrowth of their new-found interest in ham radio.

Dave, as OST's Publisher and ARRL Executive Vice President, I appeal to you for reconsideration of the decision to ban LARC's classified ads from the pages of OST. We are sincere in our efforts to build the Amateur Radio Service, and in assisting amateur radio to maintain and extend its exemplary record of public service.

We hope that the ARRL can support this effort, and not allow the petty and ignorant prejudices of society to inhibit the growth of the hobby.

I think it might be helpful to make something clear here. As gay people, we acknowledge that we are vitally interested in the cause of gay rights and in seeing the elimination of bigotry towards us. But, the Lambda Amateur Radio Club is a service organization concerned first and foremost with amateur radio.

As LARC members, we seek to recruit new people into the Amateur Radio Service, to encourage existing hams to upgrade, to improve technical competence and operating skills, and to provide public service. We seek to do so by reaching out to cur-

rent and potential hams not targeted by other clubs and associations. Accordingly, our ads will deal exclusively with amateur radio.

Since my previous letters, we have approached several ARRL Executive Committee members individually about our desire to advertise in OST and have been well received. Great Lakes Division Director George Wilson, W4OYI, and Atlantic Division Director High Turnbull, W3ABC, have both indicated their support for our right to advertise without being discriminated against.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this matter and your review of the enclosed ad. I look forward to a positive reply.

Sincerely,

LAMBDA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Robert C. Laycock, KA8UHL
Treasurer

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President, ARRL

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Executive Committee
Lambda Amateur Radio Club

DONATIONS WANTED!

If you've ever had a philanthropic urge you've been wanting to satisfy, this is a good time to do so. Seriously, the ever-depleted treasury can use your help. If you'd like to make a contribution, send it to the club post office box. Thanks!

LARC Files Comments To FCC

By Jim (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

The following is the verbatim text of the comments filed before the FCC by LARC President, Jim Kelly. May 15, 1987

On behalf of the 70 U.S. Citizen members of the Lambda Amateur Radio Club, an international service club for gay and lesbian amateur radio operators, I would like to state of opposition to the proposed allocation of 220-222 MHz to the Land Mobile Service. We feel that it is vital that this band segment be retained by the Amateur Service. Many of our members are active on this band segment, and others plan to use it in the future. Our club actively encourages it's members to utilize all allocated spectrums and modes, and we also actively aid and assist individuals interested in obtaining their amateur licenses. It is im-

portant, if we are to strengthen the Service and add to the number of licensed amateur radio operators, that we continue to be able to offer the band segment in question, as well as all of our valued frequency allocations, both to our current licensed operators as well as prospective operators, to entice new members into the Service, and encourage continued and enhanced participation by current licensees. Retention of this band segment is considered vital by the membership of the Lambda Amateur Radio Club.

Respectfully submitted,

James Kelly, KK3K
President
Lambda Amateur Radio Club

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This value must be as low as possible. If it is any longer than required, your transmitted packets will be longer and occupy the (already overused) channels longer than required, stopping other stations from transmitting.

In order to set TXDELAY as low as possible, follow this procedure:

1. With TXDELAY set to 50 (TNC 2 setting), connect to a local station. If no local station is available, you can connect to yourself via a digipeater.
2. Send a carriage return.
3. If the packet is transmitted correctly, reduce the value of TXDELAY and go back to step 2.
4. If the packet doesn't get through, increase the value of TXDELAY (slowly) until it does.

[You may want to increase the TXDELAY value slightly over the final value achieved using the above procedure. This will ensure proper operation when connected to stations with slow-acting squelch circuits -- Ed.]

I use a Yaesu FT-208 handheld and a BNOS 100-watt linear which is switched by carrier, and I have TXDELAY set at 18. Remember that you don't have to disconnect in order to change the value of TXDELAY; just go to command mode, enter the new TXDELAY value, then enter the CONV command to go back to converse mode.

By Rod Hewitt, G6TTD, in Connect International

A Suggestion For Mail Forwarding

(From Gateway: The ARRL Packet Radio Newsletter, June 5, 1987)

By now, most everyone who has been on packet for a month or so has sent or monitored formal traffic being handled by one of the local BBSs. This is one of the convenient ways that formal traffic gets passed between sections without having to wait for a voice, CW, or RTTY net to open. The forwarding of these messages is automatically handled by the BBS software until the message arrives at the "target" BBS, or the BBS in the geographic area where a human can place the traffic on a local net. When the human picks up that traffic from the BBS, he/she kills the traffic (removes it from the BBS) with the KT command.

On most BBSs, two things happen: the message is removed from the list of pending messages, and a "service" message is created if the BBS SYSOP has enabled that function. The service message has a type of "S" to distinguish it, and is addressed to the station who originally entered the piece of traffic into the packet system. The BBS software picks certain key information about the original message to create the service message. It is entirely possible, because packet is growing at such a rapid rate these days, that the "target" BBS (where the KT was performed) may not have the originating station in its forwarding tables, especially if the traffic came from a BBS far away.

Several people have asked me, "What does the 'S' mean in the message -- stuck?" A message to an unknown station will sit until the SYSOP intervenes and moves it along based on his "gut" feeling as to where it should go. Often, the Callbook is of little use, so these messages sometimes find their way into the bit bucket. You can help alleviate this unfortunate occurrence by a little creative planning. Next time you enter a piece of traffic, include your home BBS in the title. The target BBSs software will use your title as the title of the service message. So if you input the title as, for example, "QTC 1 Manchester NH #333 (yourcall) @ N1DRK," that will be the title of the service message. When the intervening SYSOP sees this, he says, "Aha! I may not know where NN1ZQ is, but I sure know where N1DRK is and I can forward it there!" It's as simple as that.

Some time in the future a mechanism will exist that will be able to build in the "@ BBS" address automatically. [Some BBS programs already have this capability -- Ed.] The method presented here will help getting around the problem as a temporary measure. If you're "into" traffic and want to help get messages around the net or the country, by all means enter those few additional keystrokes and help everyone out.

By Herb Salls, WB1DSW, in the NEPRA PacketEar

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Member Profile: G4ORX

By Pete Bagget (G4ORX)

It's always difficult to try and describe yourself in an article such as this. What do I say? What do I leave out? And, what do the people reading this want to know? I suppose I'd better start by

quite enjoy writing letters, especially long ones! I work as an Analyst/Programmer for a large chain of carpet retailers in West Bromwich, a small nearby town. I live with my parents at the moment,

rpm's. That probably sums me up as to my likes and dislikes, apart from the fact that I'm a tea-totler ... mainly due to riding the bike.

I've held an amateur license since August 1981, when I took out a Class "B" license (callsign G6DLE). I passed the next test the following March and was issued my current Class "A" license. I'm not very active these days. I have a Trio TR-9130 for 2 meters and an ancient Beliom Linear 2, which is dual band, giving a small segment of both 2 meters and 10 meters. I have worked the states in 1982 and 1983 on 10, but it's not very likely at the moment. I belong to RAYNET (Radio Amateur's Emergency Network), which is an organization providing emergency radio coverage for such bodies as the British Red Cross and the St. John Ambulance Brigade. We're not allowed third party traffic by our license conditions normally, but RAYNET has persuaded the licensing authorities to allow exceptions under certain conditions.

Well, that about wraps this article up. I'm very honored to be Lambda's first overseas member, and hope to work some of you in the future. If anybody wants to write to me, my address (at the time of this writing) is correct in the 1985 Callbook (Foreign Listings).

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describing what I actually look like. I'm 32, 5'8" tall, and weigh 10 stone (140 lbs., I think). I've got green eyes, light brown hair, and a ginger moustache. I've been told I'm quite good looking ... especially by my Mother!

I live in the town where I was born, Wolverhampton, in the West Midlands. Apart from Amateur Radio, my main interests are motorcycling (I have a Kawasaki GT-750) and photography. I also

although I'll be moving in June to my own house in another part of town. I spend most of my leisure time either on my own reading and writing letters, or out with my lover; we've been going steady for about four months. My tastes in music are far-ranging, from heavy rock through hi-energy and Eurobeat to some classical. My favorite band, though, is Genesis. I have every record they've ever officially released in the UK, not counting 45

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By Jim (K43K)

Coast-To-Coast Packet

Al (K5MWG) says he is getting packet mail in Baton Rouge from both the East and West Coasts. He received packet mail from Duane (K4UW) and Larry (WB9LOZ),

LARC's Packet Radio Coordinator, recently. Unfortunately, the Kenwood TS-440S that Al won last year at a local hamfest is due for repair due to a voltage surge from a defective power supply. Hang in there, Al!

New Member, K2JOZ

New LARC member, Rick (K2JOZ) has returned to the hobby after being inactive for a period of time. He recently purchased a Kenwood TH-215 HT and has

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Lambda Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of Annual Meeting

Meeting Location:

Econo-Lodge Motel, Room 160
221 Wagoner Ford Road
Dayton, Ohio, U.S.A.

The Annual Meeting was called to order at 5:21PM EDT on Saturday, April 25, 1987 by President, Jim Kelly, KK3K.

In Attendance:

Members: WD8IKB, WA0CFQ, KI4ZN, WB5OYL, KK3K, WA0MBC, WA1SEY, KA8UHL, WB6LYI, KA8TZX, AF2K, W9BVD, K4UW, KA1MQX, W4PJG, KC3XC

Guests: K3AKK (Unofficial Video Taper)
Dick Ramey (Official Club Bartender)
Brian DeWitt

President Kelly welcomed the group to Dayton, briefly summarized the club's administrative accomplishments of the past 12 months, and then introduced the club Officers for the current year: WB6LYI, Vice-President and Newsletters Editor; AF2K, Secretary; KA8UHL, Treasurer.

Public Service Project: KK3K indicated no response was ever received from the Harvey Milk School in New York City, relative to the correspondence of November 1986. At that time, KK3K has written to the school's program director describing LARC, and offering assistance, including subsidizing a subscription to 73 Magazine for the school library. AF2K agreed to contact Vic (KD2HE) for subsequent follow-up with direct contact with the school's Program Director for possible action. WB6LYI solicited suggestions for additional Public Service activities.

HF Net Schedules were discussed. No changes recommended at the present time.

Dayton motel room assignments were discussed. It was agreed that the assignments were an improvement over the previous year.

WB6LYI furnished an update on the present circumstances regarding publication of the club Newsletter; another issue will be forthcoming in the near future. Don solicited input from the group regarding types of articles and other information to appear in future issues.

KK3K announced the following acknowledgements of individual contributions to the club:

W9BVD for handling motel room reservations for Dayton '87;

AF2K for printing the new LARC membership cards;

KA8UHL for letters to ARRL;

KK3K for preparing the basic logo design used on membership cards; and

WB3LFI for making individualized identification buttons for LARC members attending the Hamvention.

KK3K proposed Honorary Membership in the club for Dick Ramey. Jim then distributed membership cards to those present, indicating the balance would be mailed to current members.

Souvenir HC8A QSL cards were distributed to the group, compliments of Vic (KD2HE), who was unable to attend the meeting.

KK3K distributed copies of the Financial Statement, dated 4/14/87. (Copy attached.) Current balance is \$756.66. Jim also provided explanations regarding the 18 individuals who have been deleted from the mailing list, and the 13 who were kept on the mailing list, all of whom did not respond to the most recent membership drive. Several members present indicated they would personally follow up with specific persons who had not responded.

It was agreed that 8 motel rooms would be reserved for Dayton Hamvention '88. The amount of money earmarked for this year's advance deposit would be applied towards the 1988 reservation, with all of this year's motel residents paying their regular room fees as per individual breakdowns.

Other projected expenses include Newsletter publication, advertising (if any), and postage for miscellaneous mailings.

President Kelly read part of the correspondence from Pete (G4ORX), one of our new members. Pete joined the Club as a result of the advertisement that had appeared in The Advocate.

KK3K acknowledged with thanks to WB9LOZ and K9AT for tallying the ballots for the past election voting.

Motion #1: It was unanimously carried to authorize the Club Treasurer to issue a check for \$136.50 (estimated) to renew the advertisement in The Advocate for one year.

KK3K discussed the Public Service aspects of the Club, specifically relating to the Washington March scheduled in October. Involvement in that activity would certainly be expanding the Club's exposure. A motion was made to contact the Washington march organizers and to question their communication needs. The motion was passed and Bob (KA8UHL) said he would contact the march organizers directly. AF2K agreed he would contact KD2HE regarding re-establishing contact with the Harvey Milk School in New York City, along with a copy of KK3K's original correspondence.

Motion #2: There was discussion regarding previous and future National Gay and Lesbian marches in Washington relative to participating LARC members carrying the LARC banner. The resolution was carried.

A detailed discussion took place regarding future advertising methods. KK3K described the entire procedure that takes place when a response is received. There is a careful screening process that is part of the normal correspondence sequence for potential new members.

AF2K distributed photocopies of a small display advertisement appearing on a regular basis in the Rochester (N.Y.) gay newspaper as an example of what can be done at the local level.

Motion #3: A motion was made to re-establish contact with Wayne Green (W2NSD/1), and to run a classified advertisement in 73 Magazine, probably in the October 1987 issue. Also, a classified ad will be placed as soon as possible in QST Magazine, with accompanying correspondence to the ARRL and

payment to be handled by KA8UHL. All unanimously passed.

Motion #4: A motion was made not to place any advertising in any publication requiring listing of a callsign. The motion passed.

Motion #5: A motion was made by W9BVD and unanimously passed to reimburse KK3K \$174.90 from the club treasury for the new club banner.

Motion #6: AF2K questioned the current dues structure. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to establish pro-rated dues amounts for new members after 6 months and after 9 months of the year have passed.

Motion #7: WA0CFQ questioned the feasibility of advertising in some foreign publications, specifically European. There was some input from KC3XC, who will investigate upon travelling to France this summer.

Motion #8: KA8TZX brought up a discussion on possibly moving the Sunday morning CW schedule frequency. It was unanimously agreed that the Sunday CW schedule at 11:00AM will move from its present 7.099 MHz to 7.140 MHz effective with publication of the next Newsletter.

There was some discussion regarding the 1988 Hamvention gathering and the club member attendees. It appears that some of the Friday evening Hamvention social activities were missed by club members due to having dinner at a restaurant rather late. It was suggested that the Saturday night Club Banquet be scaled down a bit next year, depending on input from those planning to attend. The group present was polled, and voted in favor of a banquet next year.

KK3K reminded those present that all club correspondence and records are available for inspection to members.

WB6LYI brought up the subject of member recruitment and also Newsletter assistance.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Irwin J. Goodman, AF2K
LARC Secretary



President, Jim Kelly (KK3K) conducting the Annual Meeting of the Lambda Amateur Radio Club at the Dayton Hamvention, April 25, 1987.

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another smaller Yaesu HT on order. Welcome back to the hobby and welcome to the club, Rick!

Dayton Hamvention Photo

An 8x10 color enlargement of the group photo taken at this year's Dayton Hamvention is available from Jim (KK3K). Cost is \$4.50 and includes postage.

LARC 1987 Membership Cards

Current, 1987 LARC membership cards have been mailed to all who responded to this year's dues mailing. Remember: Payment of dues is not mandatory, but response to our mailings are (if you want to continue to receive mailings from the club). If you didn't get your membership card and would like to be listed as an active LARC member, write Jim (KK3K) at the club P.O. Box.

New Member Passes Exam

New LARC member Lisa Doiron, who resides in Rochester, N.Y., recently passed her Novice exam. Congratulations, Lisa! Hope to work you on the air soon!

LARC Files Comments Before the FCC

LARC President Jim (KK3K) recently filed official comments before the FCC in the matter of the proposed reallocation of a segment of the 220 MHz band. Jim stated the official club position against the FCC's plan to rob amateur radio of part of this valuable spectrum allocation. Let's hope we win this one and keep our band intact!

AF2K "Loads Up" At Local Hamfest

Irv (AF2K) of Webster, N.Y. went to the Rochester Hamfest prepared to do business! Purchases included a Kenwood TH-215 HT and an Icom IC-27H 2 meter rig for his car. Irv reported good weather for the big annual event in Rochester. Irv and new Novice Lisa Doiron also had an eyeball QSO at the hamfest.

Heard On HF

Here are some of the calls that have been heard on the HF nets recently: W9BVD, K4UW, AF2K, KK3K, WA0CFQ, VE3DOO, N5HEG, KD2HE, KC3XC, W4VIW, W1MX (KA1MQX), K5MWG, WA6FXL, WB6LYI, KA5MGL, KA2EGO, KI4ZN, KA8UHL @ KK3K, and WA2YCL.

LAMBDA NET SCHEDULES

NATIONAL SCHEDULES

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|-----|-----|-------|----------|----------|----------------------|
| SSB | Sun | 1900Z | 1400 EDT | 1100 PDT | 14.320 to 14.325 MHz |
| SSB | Sun | 0245Z | 2145 EDT | 1845 PDT | 3.850 to 3.855 MHz |

EASTERN SCHEDULES

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|------|-----|-------|----------|----------|--------------------|
| SSB | Thu | 2330Z | 1830 EDT | 1530 PDT | 3.780 MHz |
| CW | Sun | 1600Z | 1100 EDT | 0800 PDT | 7.140 to 7.145 MHz |
| RTTY | Thu | 0100Z | 2000 EDT | 1700 PDT | 3.630 MHz |

WESTERN SCHEDULES

No regular West Coast schedule is currently established.

Any ideas or suggestions?

(All schedules are + or - QRM)

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Lambda Net News

The Official Publication of the Lambda Amateur Radio Club

May 1987

A Message From LARC President, Jim Kelly (KK3K)

I would like to thank the members of LARC for your vote of confidence in me as evidenced by the results of our first official election. The members of LARC also elected two very hard working and dedicated members, Don (WB6LYI) as club Vice President, and Irv (AF2K) as Secretary. I have asked another dedicated person, Bob (KA8UHL), to become our club Treasurer. I was very pleased that the club had a large number of very qualified, interested members willing to run and serve LARC. This, along with the results of the election, point to a bright future for our club.

The greatest asset of any organization is it's people, and LARC members are very special people. In the United States, where the government looks upon amateur radio as a national resource, there is just one ham for every 625 citizens. That makes hams special people. There are somewhere in excess of 400,000 licensed hams in the U.S. and if the widely accepted statistics are accurate (that one person in ten is gay), that means there are 40,000 potential LARC members out there! So far, we've only reached under 100! Even if we signed up all 40,000 of us, there would still be only one LARC member for every 6,250 people in the country! Did you realize just how special and talented you really are?

I hope to continue to help make LARC a special club worthy of the unique individuals who constitute its membership. There are difficulties in trying to achieve a sense of unity when we're spread throughout the country, and now to Europe. But we do have that special bond that unites us. I have the greatest respect and admiration for all of you, and I will try not to let you down as your club President. Please let me know your thoughts and ideas on how to make the club better. I welcome the participation of anyone who feels that they would like to contribute. Thank you again for your vote of confidence.

73's de Jim, KK3K

Lambda Net News Resumes Publication

By Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI, Long Beach, CA)

By now you must've wondered if you were ever going to see another issue of the NEWS. There have been times during the past four months when I wondered the same thing. There have been many changes in my life during this period. I have been ill with colds, flu, etc. and have been undergoing major dental work since December. I'll sure be glad when that's over! In addition, I have changed jobs and as a result do not have the Apple Macintosh and LaserWriter available to produce the NEWS, as I did before. However, my CPA was very good to me this year and I used my tax return to acquire an NCR 6416 Laser Printer, a Tall Tree Systems' JLASER-AT interface with 2MB of RAM, and Xerox's Ventura Publisher software. There were a few other odds and ends, but that is the bulk of the new acquisitions. Earlier in the year Norm, my room-

mate these past 14 years, bought us two AT-compatible computers. His has a 20MB hard disk and mine has 30MB of storage. This system now provides the tools to continue to bring to you the best quality newsletter of any amateur radio club ... anywhere! I am very pleased to be able to give us the kind of image we deserve.

However, in the meantime, much information has accumulated that I am anxious to bring to you. Larry Kenney's packet radio column will finally have it's debut. My apologies to Larry for the delay, but now we're going to be back on track. A variety of members have sent me tidbits about this 'n that and I look forward to your sending more. Members always enjoy reading about other's activities, travels, and experiences. Make sure you keep those articles, cards, and letters coming!

Record Number of LARC Members Enjoy Dayton Hamvention

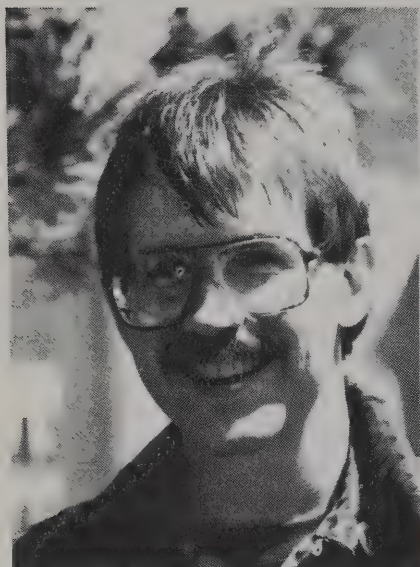
By Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

Seventeen LARC members and four guests attended this year's Dayton Hamvention, making it the largest get-together of LARC members on record. Attending were LARC members Mark (WA1SEY), Nick (KA1MQX), Don (WB6LYI), Dale (WA0CFQ), Duane (K4UW), Dave (WD8IKB), Irv (AF2K), Tom (KI4ZN), Hershel (WB0MBC), Jim (KK3K), Bob (KA8UHL), Lou (W4PJG), Gordon (WB5OYL), Mark (KC3XC), Bill (KA8TZX), Howard (W9BVD), and Dick (K3AKK). Guests included Dick's (K3AKK) roommate Joe, Tom's (KI4ZN) roommate Dick, and Brian and Dan were guests of Bob (KA8UHL). The weather this year was rainy on Friday, but clear and sunny on Saturday and Sunday with seasonal temperatures in the 50's and 60's. The huge indoor display area was packed on Friday since the rain kept the crowd inside. On Saturday and Sunday, the famous flea market was busy with hams searching for that "treasure" buried out there somewhere in one of the hundreds of stalls. The club had rooms booked at a very convenient hotel and most members arrived on Friday early enough to get to the Hamvention shortly after it opened at noon on Friday. It was immediately apparent that this year's crowd was in a buying mood as the major dealers' booths had crowds two and three deep the entire weekend as eager hams stood in line to purchase everything from HT antennas to new HF rigs. The atmosphere was electric the entire weekend! On Friday, after returning from the Hamvention many LARC members got together for dinner at one of our favorite spots, the Casa Lupita Mexican Restaurant. The tasty margaritas added to the already festive spirit prevailing among the club members. After dinner and drinks it was time to rest

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Bob (KA8UHL) Accepts Appointment As LARC Treasurer

By Jim Kelly (KK3K)



Bob (KA8UHL) has agreed to serve as LARC Treasurer and has assumed the responsibilities of the post as of the Dayton Hamvention. Bob has been very active in spearheading the drive by our club to get the ARRL to treat us fairly in regard to their refusal to run our advertising. We wish Bob and all the LARC Officers the very best of luck in connection with their respective official club duties.

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up for Saturday's full day of activities.

On Saturday, the weather was beautiful; clear and sunny. Members donned their HT's and headed in different directions to cover the Hamvention. The LARC contingents, which must have up to half a dozen from time to time, managed to keep in touch via 2 meters and our simplex frequency. The buying mood was infectious as many of the LARC members got out their shopping lists and joined the lines at the dealer's booths. Duane (K4UW) took the big plunge and bought a Kenwood TS-440 complete with automatic antenna tuner; he also bought a lens for his video camera out in the flea market. Dale (WA0CFQ) bought a Radio Shack Color Computer II and got some advice from Kantronics on how to interface it with his station. Howard

(W9BVD) bought a digital frequency controller and a computer interface for his IC-751 and a Ringo Ranger antenna. Mark (KC3XC) picked up a Yeasu World Clock to compliment his station. Jim (KK3K) bought an Astron Power Supply. Nick (KA1MOX) splurged on an ICOM Micro 2-AT 2 meter handheld. Mark (WA1SEY) ordered solar panels for his bicycle mobile station. Lou (W4PJG) found a vintage Hallicrafters receiver out in the flea market. Bob (KA8UHL) bought Butternut HF6V vertical and Ringo Ranger antennas. Several of our members purchased AEA "Hot Rod" 2 meter HT antennas. These telescoping half-wave end-fed dipole antennas are QRM crunchers; we proved this in Dayton! If you are looking for a super antenna for your 2 meter rig, this is the one to get!

At noon, LARC members and their guests assembled for the group photo session outside near the cafeteria. Roy (WB3LFI) had prepared individual ID buttons for each member and Irv (AF2K) has prepared callsign cards. Many photos were taken of the group including poses with the new LARC banner. As the pictures were being taken by Brian, our guest from Cleveland, many non-member spectators admired the good-looking group of guys assembled before them; one fellow even took a picture for himself! We couldn't help thinking "if they only knew!" After the photo session, it was back to "heavy Hamventioning."

At 5PM, members gathered back at the Hospitality Suite, hosted by Tom (KI4ZN) and Dick, for the annual LARC business meeting. The meeting was spirited, and much was accomplished during the 1 1/2 hour meeting, including the adoption of 8 resolutions. After the meeting adjourned, it was time for the LARC Annual Banquet at Anticoli's Italian Restaurant. Thanks to Irv (AF2K) we had reservations and shared a private dining room. The food was excellent and reasonably priced, and the service attentive. After dinner, we left for cocktails and dancing at the 1470 West disco in Kettering. Soon after we arrived Bob (KA8UHL) cruised off toward the dance floor, but returned a few minutes later announcing that he had found another ham in the bar

who was not yet a LARC member! We then all got to meet Harry (W9HRQ) and he accepted our invitation to join LARC. The club even posted a "Welcome Lambda Amateur Radio Club" notice on its four huge video screens after Bob did his "PR" work! Members socialized and danced until it was time to get some rest before Sunday's happenings at the Hamvention.

On Sunday, it was time to make decisions regarding the purchases that had not yet been made, and spin through the flea market to do some serious bargaining. The weather was great again and LARC members split up to cover more ground and kept in touch on 2 meters. The hot new item at this year's Hamvention were the ICOM IC-761 super HF rig, ICOM IC-735, and the Kenwood TS-440S. The latter two were completely sold out by Sunday. Some of the members attended one of the many on-going forums given on diverse topics: packet, ARRL, electrical safety, Wayne Green, etc. Many LARC members had questions for the manufacturers and this was the last time to ask them since each had many representatives on hand to help. At 2PM, LARC members who did not have to start the trip home, got together for the prize drawings held at the closing of the Hamvention in the main exhibition area. Those who had to leave gave their tickets to those remaining as many of the prizes required the winner to be present to win. This year, for the second year in a row, we had a winner! Dick (K3AKK) won a beautiful 2 meter rig! Duane (K4UW) was holding his winning ticket and collected the prize for him. There were over \$66,000 in prizes given away, including "dream" stations provided by ICOM, Kenwood, and Yeasu. The drawings were fun and exciting and provided a high note to end this year's Hamvention. At the close of the drawings we all said goodbye, promised to meet again next year for the 1988 Dayton Hamvention, and started our trips home after a great weekend in Dayton!

LARC Members To Attend "SEA-PAC"

Neil (WA6KLA) plans to attend "SEA-PAC", the Seaside-Pacific Ham Convention, which will be held May 30-31, 1987. This is the Northwest's largest ham convention and is also the ARRL State Convention (Oregon). LARC members interested in attending should contact Neil at P.O. Box 5310, Aloha, Oregon 97006 for further information. Plan to attend!

High School Project Update

By Jim Kelly (KK3K)

At the LARC business meeting held at the Dayton Hamvention in April 1986, LARC members expressed an interest in performing some public service, and it was suggested that the club contact the Gay High School in New York and offer our assistance to perhaps start a radio club at the school.

On October 21, 1986, I placed a phone call to the Harvey Milk High School in New York City. I spoke with Ms. Doree Benson, Program Director, and introduced our club and offered our assistance regarding the possibility of establishing a radio club at Harvey Milk. I followed up my phone call with a letter in November and I also wrote that the club would be willing to sponsor a subscription to 73 Magazine as well as send copies of our club newsletter, if school officials agreed. During our phone conversation, Ms. Benson told me that enrollment at Harvey Milk was currently 33 students. She said that she would mention our club to the students and let us know if there was any interest in Amateur Radio.

In December, I sent a short note to Ms. Benson since I had not heard from her. We did have some difficulty with the club P.O. Box which I have since resolved, and I wanted to be sure that if she had replied, we would get her reply. I have still heard nothing from Harvey Milk, so that I must report that so far, our offer to help out in this particular case has not worked out. Perhaps we will have to re-think our direction as far as public service is concerned.

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By Jim Kelly (KK3K)

K3AKK Wins Big At Dayton

Dick (K3AKK) was a big prize winner at this year's Dayton Hamvention, winning a Yeasu 2 meter rig valued at almost \$600! The rig is an all-mode 2 meter unit which we understand will be put to good use on packet radio. Congratulations, Dick!

40 Meter Schedule Frequency Changes

At the LARC annual business meeting held in Dayton, Bill (KA8TZX) introduced a motion to move the club CW schedule frequency from 7.099 to 7.140 to give novices and technicians the opportunity to participate in LARC schedules. Bill's motion passed, so we hope to see you on our CW schedules at the new frequency!

Dayton '88!

The dates for the 1988 Dayton Hamvention are April 29, 30, and May 1, 1988. LARC has reserved eight rooms. Make your plans to attend right now. We will be asking for a deposit from you if you wish to utilize a club-reserved room. All indications are that there will be a substantial increase the number of members attending next year, so make your plans early to join in on the fun!

LARC Goes International

Pete (G4ORX) has joined our club. Pete saw our ad in The Advocate and submitted his membership application. Pete is 32 and is a computer programmer who lives in Wolverhampton, England. Some of his other interests are motorcycling and photography. Hopefully we will have an opportunity to work Pete as the sunspot cycle improves. Welcome, Pete!

LARC Business Meeting Summary

A summary of the business transacted at the LARC annual business meeting follows: The Advocate ad will be renewed; the club will participate in the National Gay and Lesbian March on Washington and similar gay pride celebrations with the approval of the Executive Committee; the club will reimburse Jim (KK3K) for the cost of the LARC banner; the club will again attempt to run an ad in QST and to run an ad in 73 Magazine in the fall; the club will not advertise in any "straight" publication requiring the inclusion of a callsign; dues will run per calendar year and dues received from new members during the final three months of the year are good for the following year; the club will investigate the possibility of advertising for members overseas; and the CW schedule frequency will be moved from 7.099 to 7.140 MHz.

A Reminder To All LARC Members

LARC newsletters, rosters, and other information are for club member use only. Substantial efforts have been made over the years, and are still being made, to ensure that our club schedules and related information do not fall into the hands of individuals who are not sympathetic to us. So far we have managed to avoid harassment by keep our information confidential. Remember, there are many individuals out there with 2KW amplifiers who would like nothing better than to disrupt our activities and spread their hate across the bands. What can you do to prevent this from happening? It's easy ...

1. Keep all LARC information strictly confidential.

2. Keep your mailing address information current. Let us know if you are not receiving the NEWS.

3. Never respond on the air to stations engaged in disruptive behavior. The only way to defeat these individuals is to deny them an audience. QSY and you will silence the offender. This is very important!

Prevention is the answer. Let's keep the club and nets free of problems

In this case, prevention is the answer. Let's keep the club and the nets free from problems!

*** CONNECTED TO WB9LOZ

By Larry Kenney (WB9LOZ, San Francisco, CA)

A few months ago, Jim (KK3K) asked for a volunteer to be Packet Coordinator for LARC. I thought it would be an interesting position seeing I use packet radio quite a bit, so I wrote Jim a letter and volunteered and was soon assigned the position. To give you a little background, I've been active on packet for over a year and about 95% of my ham radio operating time is spent on packet now. For me, at least, it's one of the more enjoyable aspects of the hobby. You can have local QSOs, do some DXing, check into local bulletin board systems (BBS), pass NTS traffic, or just try your hand at some new program that's available or even one you've written yourself.

I should have written an article in time for the last newsletter, but I was involved with the installation debugging, and set-up of a new packet BBS for the San Francisco Radio Club (W6PW-3). It's running the WA7MBL BBS software on a Samsung S286 AT with 20MB hard disk, Kantronics and MFJ TNCs, and a Kenwood TR-7730 on 2 meters and an old Midland 13-509 on 220 MHz. We had several problems with the computer/TNC handshaking, parity and TNC parameters, but after several frustrating hours of work, the BBS is now up and running very nicely on 144.99 and 223.58 MHz. My lover, Bill (K9AT) and I share sysop duties. (Oh, by the way, if you remember the picture of the two of us in the last issue, the caption was reversed. I'm the one on the left, Bill's on the right.)

Did the article by Tom Hendrix (KI4ZN) in the last NEWS convince any of you to ask Santa for a TNC? Tom did an excellent job of telling you what it's like to get started on packet radio and, as he pointed out, getting everything connected and on the air is a relatively simple project. Don't let the long list of TNC commands overwhelm you. They all have default settings and the TNC will work fine without having to change a thing. Just make sure you enter YOUR call for the MYCALL command. Later on you can make changes in the command settings to suit your particular likes and dislikes, customizing them for your personal style of operating. (I hope we see more articles on packet from you in the future, Tom.)

Now that I have this new position, what should the packet coordinator for nationwide club try to accomplish? Here are my thoughts. First, I need to find out which members of LARC are on packet and get a little informa-

tion from them about their station facilities, operating frequencies and home BBS, and also, how often they're active on packet. I'll then gather all of this information together and publish it here in the NEWS so that we can try to make contact with each other via HF, VHF digipeaters, or by BBS message forwarding. (Several members on the East coast are already doing this!)

I also feel that the club Packet Coordinator should act as a clearing house for packet news and information, and for interesting ideas, personal experiences, and accomplishments of the members. I'll try and write an article for every issue of the NEWS, and I look forward to hearing from each of you. I'd love to hear your ideas and suggestions as to what you think this position should entail.

To get the ball rolling, I've put together a short questionnaire that I'd like each of you who operates on packet to answer. Just jot down the answers on a piece of paper (it doesn't have to be anything fancy) and send it to me at the address at the end of the column. I'll collect the information and have it available in an upcoming issue ... next month if I get the responses in time.

PACKET QUESTIONNAIRE

- 1 - Call (include SSID, if used)
- 2 - Name
- 3 - City, State and Zip
- 4 - Home BBS (the one you check into regularly)
- 5 - Location of the BBS
- 6 - Frequencies you use for packet (HF & VHF)
- 7 - How frequently do you use packet? (daily, couple of times a week, once a week, seldom, etc.)
- 8 - Do you operate a digipeater, BBS, or both? (If so, give calls.)
- 9 - Equipment you use for packet? (Computer, TNC, radio, antennas.)
- 10 - Any other information of interest to the group.

Let's hear from you. Send your responses to:

*Larry Kenney, WB9LOZ
4145 21st Street
San Francisco, CA 94114*

73, see you next month!

*** DISCONNECTED

We Are Everywhere! (Potential LARC members, that is!)

By Jim Kelly (KK3K)

My employer recently sent me on a business trip to Orlando, Florida. The business meeting I was to attend was scheduled for a Monday morning so I decided to fly to Miami on Friday and drive down to Key Largo to do some scuba diving. Also, I planned to stay at the all gay Sea Gull Resort in Miami Beach for the weekend. I got a couple of dives in on Saturday morning and decided to spend the rest of the weekend around the pool at the Sea Gull. The weather was super; sunny with temperatures in the 70's and the Sea Gull Resort was terrific. Their location is right on the beach in Miami Beach, a nice pool with a high dive, a disco, leather and western bars, a pool-side bar, and a cocktail lounge. On Sunday, while I was

lounging by the pool, I spotted a handsome guy wearing a Kenwood baseball cap. Since I had only ever seen a Kenwood cap at hamfests, I asked him where he got his cap. He pointed across the pool to his roommate and suggested I introduce myself. When I met Lou, I learned that he was a ham, call W4PJG, and we spent much of the afternoon chatting about ham radio and LARC! Lou was very interested in the club and asked me to send him information as soon as I got back home, which I did. Lou is a Doctor of Optometry with a practice in Fort Meyers Florida. His ham interests include DX and DXpeditions. This story proves that you never know when and where you might meet another prospective LARC member!

Always Carry Your Talkie When You Travel

By Nick Altenbernd (KA1MQX, Cambridge, MA)

This is the true story of how I got to Dayton on time after all. If I'd had a talkie it would have been a lot easier.

When I arrived at Logan Airport's Gate F-7 for my flight to Dayton via Detroit, I started hawkeying for other hams. It's Our Weekend, and the plastic badges and talkies should be everywhere. Nothing. Finally I noticed a lone rubber duckie sticking out of a tote. She looked backed at me twice, no doubt wondering why I was checking her out. Slightly embarrassed, I said a bit hastily, "You must be going to Dayton." Instant friendship. Pat, N1CKN ... the Chicken ... turns out to be a musician also, a singer. In between pieces of basic ham gossip we discussed a piece she is preparing to perform, written by one of "my" faculty at MIT, John Harbison. The Pulitzers had been announced earlier in the week, John had won, and everybody in Boston knows where he teaches.

Flight time arrived and receded unacknowledged into the history of the world. I don't expect this to happen at 10:30 in the morning, and on the east coast yet. On a whiz-bam vacation like this, every hour counts. The Chicken's friend Michael, KB1UM ... kaboom, hadn't showed yet. Pat shouted frantically into her talkie from time to time, but neither of us could figure out how to cancel the offset, so Michael never heard her. He charged into the gate two minutes late. Not to worry. The plane hadn't landed yet. More nervous.

We finally, as they say, enplaned, and Pat sweetly strongarmed someone into changing seats so she could sit next to Michael. She doesn't fly well, and even though she had started the screwdrivers in the departure lounge, she needed an arm to clutch. Michael is a pianist. After that flight, he said he'll never be able to play Haydn again.

During the flight, the stewardess kept updating us on our chances of making connections in Detroit. As you've already guessed, they diminished steadily. We were all told where our connecting flights would take off from, and eventually they remembered to tell us where we would arrive. F-9 to G-12 doesn't sound all that far, does it? Detroit is not as big as O'Hare, but it tries harder. Concourse G is a recent addition, and it's at the other end of several extremely long corridors.

All three of us had the same connecting flight. Pat was ahead of me in the plane. When I bounded off the plane, I headed for Concourse G. I couldn't see Pat anywhere. Who would have thought a stocky number like that could run so fast with four totes? When I got to G-12 some minutes later she was nowhere to be seen. Oops. And, I

was told, Dayton was about the only flight that took off on time. Of course. I was re-booked onto Northwest's 4:30 flight. So much for Friday at Dayton, and I was sure the micro talkies would be sold out. Damn. I dragged back up into the terminal and started checking the cocktail lounges, especially the ones that serve screwdrivers. Obviously Pat and Michael had wisely done the same bit of business somewhere in Concourse F, and were now properly relaxing. Then I heard the most amazing page: "Northwest passenger Nick K-A-I-M-Q-X go to Piedmont." Piedmont is in Concourse B. Guess how far that is.

When I saw Pat in Dayton airport on our way back Sunday, she told me what really happened. When we, as they saw, deplaned, she and Michael stepped primly aside and let us thundering herd pass, then went to an empty Northwest gate and said, "Get three of us to Dayton now, any carrier." (What I forgot to say was "any carrier.") Then Pat picked up a page phone and said, "Say this throughout the airport!" "I can't do that!" she was told, "I must have his complete name.!" "This is a unique identifier!" "Well but what company is he with?" "Ah! But you see, this set of encoded letters is assigned to him by the Federal Communications Commission, on Federal Business ... sort of like the CIA, you see? And no further means of identification is really necessary!" Pat didn't say "or desirable." The operator inferred it.

The page went out immediately, and was not too garbled to understand. When I finally sweated my way into the nearest Piedmont gate and inquired after Dayton, they sent me downstairs to one of those tiny little gates for tiny little airplanes. "Oh, is this our connecting passenger?" It was. They were all waiting, all 14 passengers, the ticket lady and the pilot. Michael continued to divert the pilot (he's studying to be a ham, and was being given a series of elaborately explained tips on learning the code ... no no-code proponent, I) while Pat presided at the ticket counter. Never underestimate a soprano. The ticket lady finally sorted me out, handed me a boarding pass, trotted across the lounge, collected my boarding pass and wished us a pleasant flight. The pilot let us operate aeronautical mobile, and we all made the most of that, let me tell you.

It all would have been a lot easier if I'd had a talkie so we could have checked signals without my running three four-minute miles end on end. Always carry your talkie when you travel. On the other hand, this story is better. And it's true.

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Any ideas or suggestions?

(All schedules are + or - QRM)

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Dayton

By Nick Altenbernd (KA1MQX, Cambridge, MA)

You're going where this weekend? For a vacation? But what are you going to do? People who are not bewitched by "The Art" (as they used to call it) don't understand. But I think when my friends see how refreshed and invigorated I am by two solid days of looking at coax connectors and diodes, they'll realize that there's something special there, at least for me.

What is it that has me refreshed and invigorated, and on such a roll that I'm furiously working on my seventh closely-scribbled page, on an airplane in the middle of nowhere, an hour after my usual bedtime, at the shank-end of an exhausting weekend (how romantic!)? Surfeit of BNC's is a part of it. Eyeballing the faces that go with familiar voices ... and not having to de-donaldduck the voices ... is part of it. Strengthening a growing network of acquaintances and budding friendships is part of it, perhaps the most important part.

The most important part, and the least visible because the deepest. When I flew-in operating aeronautical mobile (with the pilot's permission, of course) I raised Irv (AF2K) immediately. "Shall I come out to the airport and get you?" Oh, that's not necessary, I thought stiffly, that's why they have limos, I can look out for myself, thank you. "Sure, that would be great, Irv." Twenty minutes later I was standing in the terminal with two acquaintances from Boston waiting for Irv to appear (I'd seen his picture in the NEWS). This number walked past with a talkie and said, "Boy, you can tell it's Dayton with all the talkies out," and introduced himself to the two others (with talkies). I hung back a bit, so he didn't get my name of call. His didn't register with me, although it should have; I was waiting for Irv, AF2K. I shouted at Irv via borrowed talkie a couple of minutes later, and we sorted out the confusion. Bob, KA8UHL, bounced back inside and fetched me.

We arrived at the Arena and located another half-dozen of the club. Quick introductions. "You don't have a talkie?" Gee, it happens! "I think I want to get one fairly soon, before the new Icom micros sell out." Jim (KK3K) said, "EGE

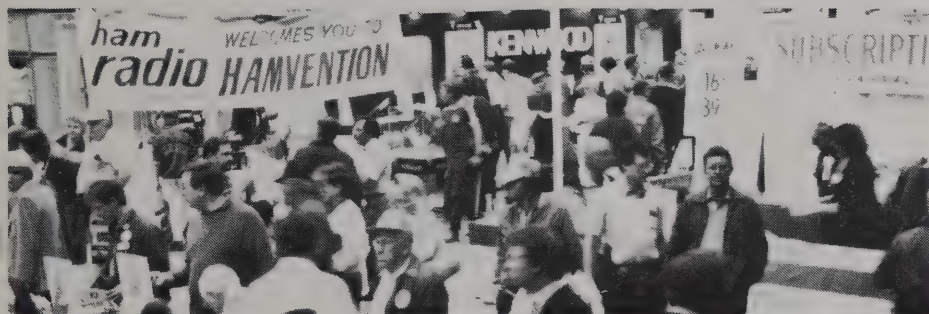


LARC Members Gather For Annual Photo At Dayton '87

Photos by Brian

Members and guests present for the annual club photo are shown above:
Front Row (left to right): Joe, Hershel (WB0MBC), Mark (KC3XC), Bob (KA8UHL), Irv (AF2K), Don (WB6LYI).

Back Row (left to right): Richard (K3AKK), Howard (W9BVD), Dave (WD8IKB), Duane (K4UW), Mark (WA1SEY), Tom (KI4ZN), Dale (WA0CFQ), Lou (W4PJG), Gorodn (WB5OYL), Jim (KK3K), Nick (KA1MQX), Bill (KA8TZX).



Dayton Hamvention 1987

Photos by Don (WB6LYI)

Dayton got off to a fast start again this year with LARC members in attendance. Hara Arena is the traditional site of the Dayton Hamvention.

has the best prices on things." Well thank you, I thought stiffly, but I really ought to go around and price them, I'm sure there must be many dealers here ... Oh, well, I'm on vacation, money's not that expensive, and they're going to sell out. "Oh, good, where are they?" The crowds at EGE (and later casual shopping) proved the correctness of Jim's observation.

A half-hour later I was finally handing over my charge card. "We thought you got lost or something. Did you change your mind?" "Just finishing up." Mark, KC3XC, was just looking in on me. Forty-five minutes after arriving, I was getting my feet on the ground, with a little help from my friends. Mark and I compared notes on the EGE staff. I was beginning to feel positively at home.

And so it went all weekend. Dinner at a Mexican restaurant with margaritas so capacious you could do an Esther Williams routine in them (ginger ale was also available). Suffering an hour-and-a-half of Wayne Green (a personage on whom I seem to hold a minority opinion). Playing with the buttons of a Ten Tec Paragon (What a rig! Oh, if I only had two unearmarked kilobucks). A formal business meeting, thank you, but not too formal to gossip a bit. A couple hours in Dayton's bar ... roomier, friendlier and better light show than anything in Boston. Also louder. And we got a big welcome on the half dozen projection TV screens. Hot damn.

On Sunday morning I noticed acutely how we wanted to stick together ... follow each other ... as we wandered around. I remember a few people acted like that in grade school. Then, it was out of timidity. Now, it's due to a community sense of support. I still remember vividly a remarkable example of such behavior that I observed several years ago on a softball field. The top gay team and the top dyke team were slugging it out. When the women were in the field, they moved back and forth together like ... well ... a school of fish. It was the most extraordinary spontaneous ballet, as they looked after each other. We're not half so graceful, but the sentiment is the same. (The men won, as I remember, but not by much.)

Dave, WD8IKB, gave Dale and me a ride to the airport Sunday

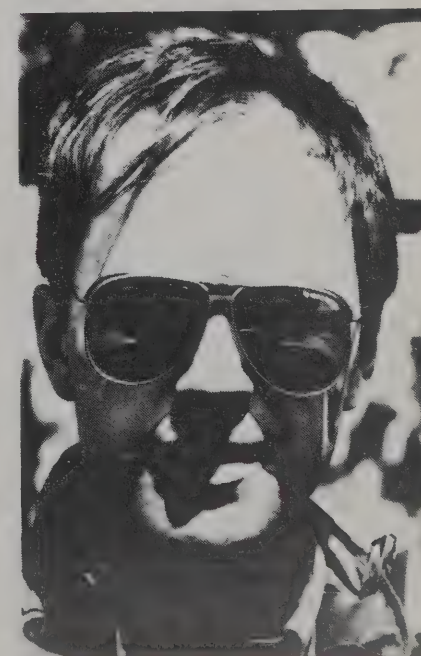
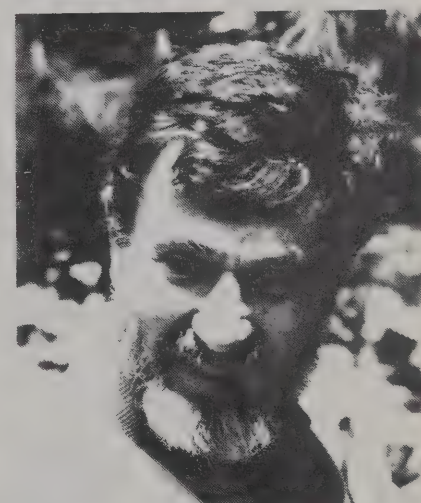
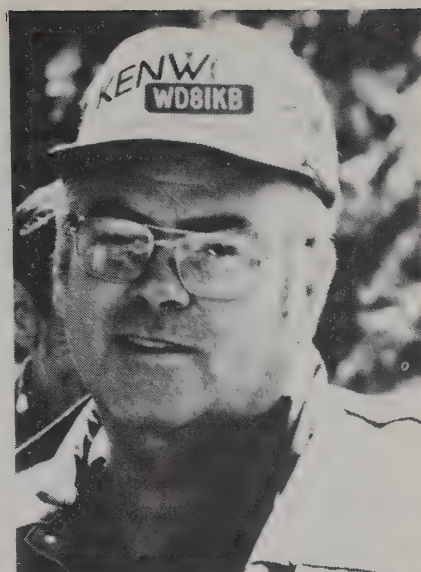
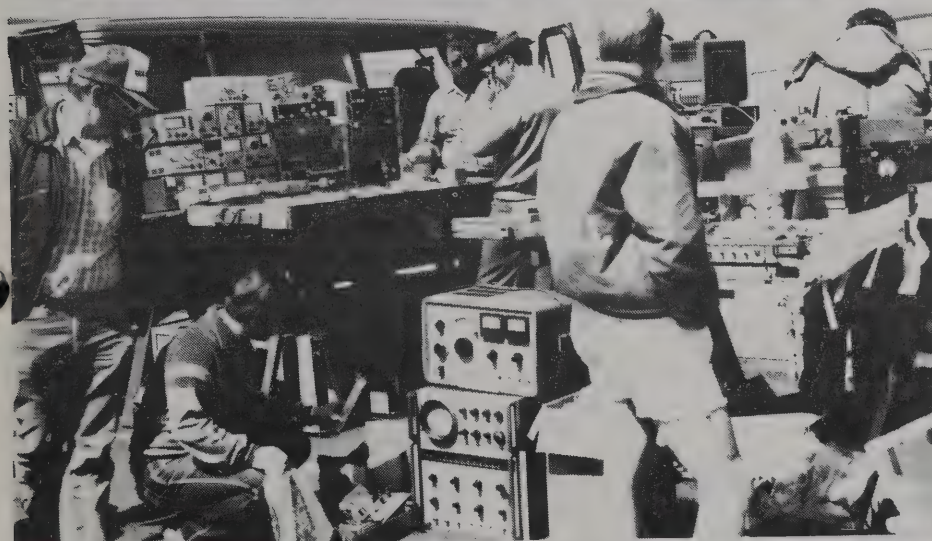
afternoon. His license plate was issued in Stark County. "Dave, do you know my uncle, K8KTM?" Small world: Uncle John has done repair work for him for 25 years.

Monday morning I trudged across the Longfellow Bridge to work. I looked out across the Charles River Basin. Steeples of the Church of the Advent, Covenant, the Old South; the Hancock buildings and the Pru; Back Bay's row houses; the Hatch Shell, home of the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra; and the Esplanade, one of the most handsomely staffed summer strolls anywhere. I think it's one of the world's great urban vistas. But this Monday morning it was an enervating and disheartening sight. Take me back to Dayton.

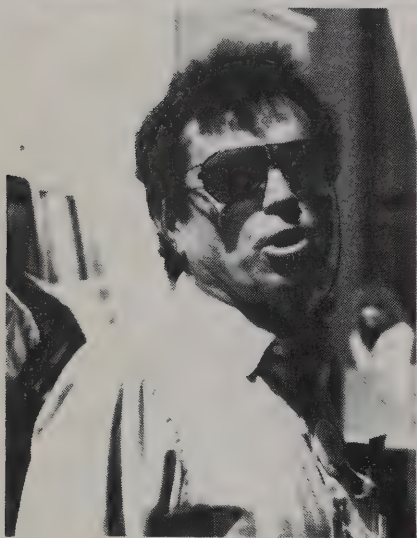
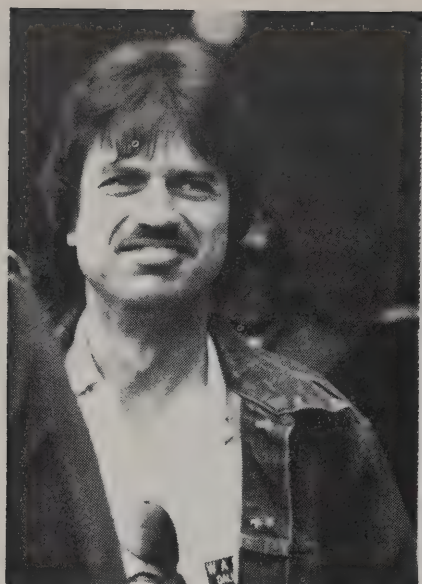


Top: Duane (K4UW)
Bottom: Jim (KK3K)





Top: Dave (WD8IKB)
Center: Howard (W9BVD)
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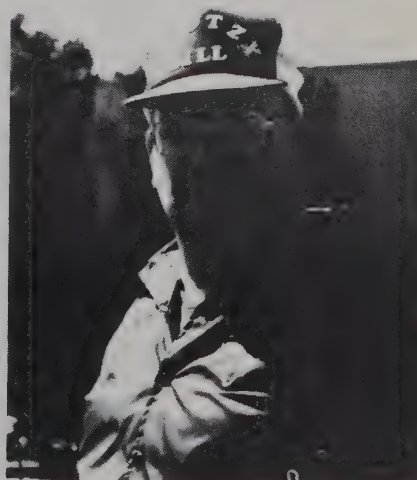
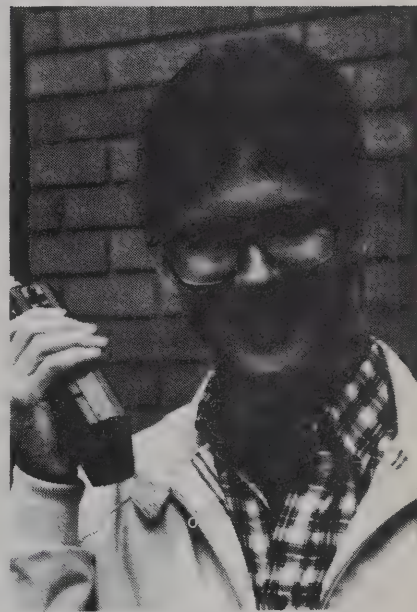
Top: Breakfast with Nick (KA1MOX), Jim (KK3K), and Howard (W9BVD).
Center: Duane (K4UW), Howard (W9BVD) & Tom (KI4ZN).
Bottom: Newcomer, Brian and his guest, Dan.



The flea market held forth with the usual amazing assortment of real and imaginary bargains. No one would miss it for the world! Plan now to attend the exciting LARC get-together next year!



P-O-O-P-E-D !!!
See you at Dayton
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Top: Gordon (WB5OYL)
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LARC Membership Adopts Constitution and By-Laws

By Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

The results of the recent balloting are in and by a vote of 36 to 0 LARC members adopted the LARC Constitution and By-Laws. Copies of the document were mailed to the entire LARC membership along with the ballots. Now, members can make reference to the Constitution and By-Laws in all matters pertaining to the operation of the Club. In addition, 12 LARC members were nominated to run for elected office in the Club. We are now in the process of asking those nominated if they are willing to run for office and serve of elected. Hopefully, election ballots for Club officers for the 1987-88 term will be mailed this month. It is hoped that the election can be accomplished quickly so that the new officers can assume office on January 1, 1987. Congratulations to all LARC members on the adoption of the Constitution and By-Laws ... your continued participation will help make LARC a club we will all enjoy and be proud of!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

The Poop On Packet

By Tom Hendricks (KI4ZN, Clemmons, NC)

Are you missing out on the fun and excitement of Packet Radio? The most talked about and interesting thing to hit amateur radio since single sideband (and not as controversial). This new mode of communication bridges the gap between amateur radio and personal computers and is the opening gambit in the future of digital communications on ham radio.

Packet can be used on either HF or VHF and the ham satellites. However, most of the activity and available links are on two meters. The national frequency is 145.01 MHz. In larger metropolitan areas 145.03, 145.05, and 145.07 are in local use.

As a beginner, let me share some of my experiences with you. The equipment requirements are relatively inexpensive and you are ahead of the game if you own a personal computer. Any brand will do ... Commodore, VIC, TRS Color Computer, Apple, IBM-PC and compatibles ... as long as you can acquire a Terminal program, which is software normally used with a modem to access another computer or a commercial network such as CompuServe, The Source, etc. In fact, Vidtex (a terminal program sold by CompuServe) or Mickeyterm (a public domain program available free) will do.

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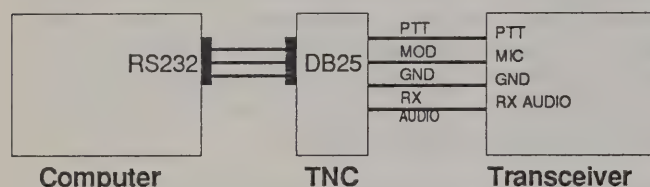
WB9LOZ Is New LARC Packet Radio Coordinator

Larry Kenney (WB9LOZ, San Francisco, CA) has offered to assume the duties as LARC's "Packet Coordinator." Larry has been active in packet since November 1985 and is currently a member of the Pacific Packet Radio Society. "About 95% of my activity in ham radio is on packet now," said Larry. Look for Larry's new column in subsequent issues of the NEWS. *Thank you, Larry!*

Packet Poop

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The heart of the operation is a Terminal Node Controller (TNC). Many are on the market from a wide variety of manufacturers. I have found the least expensive to be the MFJ-1270. Units are available from AEA, Kantronics, GLB, Heath, and others. Interconnection cables are usually furnished with the TNC; however, in most cases you will have to customize one end for your computer and transceiver. The TNC communicates with the computer via the RS232 port, normally at a speed of 300 baud. The TNC using it's internal modem outputs at a 1200 baud rate, but faster external modems can be used. A typical interconnect diagram looks like this:



Now that we are connected ... what next? Turn on the computer, load your terminal program, get into the proper transmission mode, and power up your TNC. You should get a "greeting" or sign-on message showing the manufacturer's name, version of software, etc. At the "command prompt" (cmd:), type in a simple command such as "MYCALL" and press the Enter or Return key and your system should respond with "MYCALL WAS." Now enter: *MYCALL KI4ZN (substitute your own call here)* Type MYCALL again and the system should respond with your own callsign. If you execute the "PERM" command, your call will be saved and you'll never have to enter it again unless you change your call. Now, any parameters you may have set will be stored in non-volatile memory, including your ID for use during transmissions. You have now proved that the computer-to-TNC linkup is working.

Now, turn on your transceiver, and at the command prompt type "ID" followed by pressing the enter key. The transmit light should come on and the monitor should display "YOURCALL ID." Enter: MONITOR ON. Watch the screen for awhile. You should be seeing other packets being sent over the air. Eventually, you should see a digipeater ID, such as W4BFB-1* or W4BFB-1/R. Enter: CONNECT KI4ZN VIA W4BFB-1. (Be sure to substitute your callsign and the callsign of a digipeater you have just seen on your own screen.) You should then see: CONNECTED TO KI4ZN. You can now talk to yourself ... hi! Your system is now operational and you are ready for bigger and better things.

You should now start noting paths on your monitor. Try to get a map of your area and note possible links. If you see such IDs as CHS, FGAP, etc. don't be alarmed. This is a shorthand method called "aliasing." In this instance, CHS is the alias for Charleston, SC and FGAP is the alias for Fancy Gap, VA. You can use this alias instead of typing in W4LWE-1 (for Fancy Gap).

You can use up to 8 links, but generally a lesser number are used. Duane (K4UW, Sterling, VA) and I (KI4ZN, Clemmons, NC) communicate via the following link:

Connect K4UW via K4LKQ-2, K4LKQ-1, WA4FRS-1

You should next locate a Bulletin Board System (BBS) in your area ... one that you can readily access. They provide a very useful facility for the packeteer. For example ... receive messages, upload messages, read all messages, read ARRL bulletins, download or upload a program in ASCII, and other services. They are user friendly and offer menu prompts.

Also, you may want to consider the CompuServe Information Service. If you are a member, at the prompt enter "GO HAMNET." The menu will guide you to the packet section. You can download maps, general information such as the latest version of the TNC EPROM available and other helpful data. You may want to go to your Special Interest Group (SIG) to obtain free terminal programs and communication information.

I hope that this information has been helpful to you. Be sure to pick up a book or two on the subject of packet for even more information or check the ARRL Amateur Radio Handbook. Go ahead and get your feet wet. I have found everyone to be patient and forgiving. Hope to see you soon on the network. 73 SK.

Around the Net

By Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

CW Net Back In Full Swing

Many members have been checking into the regular CW net on Sundays at 1600Z (note time change) on 7.099. Look for WA0CFQ, K4UW, KA2EGO, KC3XC, and KK3K among others.

WB9LOZ Is LARC Packet Coordinator

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California and the ARRL National Convention

By Dale Clark (WA0CFQ, Wellsville, KS)

I arrived in Oakland, CA on August 30, 1986 after a smooth flight out. Weather looked great the whole way.

After visiting with my mother and brother for a week, it was off to San Diego on PSA airlines. I went to the Oakland Airport only to find that the flight had been cancelled, so I had to leave on a later flight via Los Angeles. I almost lost my room reservation at the "Motel 6" due to the airline difficulties. I finally got my room and got situated and then went over to the convention at the Town and Country.

The Town and Country is a beautiful hotel and convention complex located about a mile from where I was staying. It was a very pretty setting for the convention, located in San Diego's Mission Valley, with its palm tree studded groves. I particularly enjoyed wandering around the groves as well as visiting the various exhibits.

I met with LARC member Rich (AA1Z, San Diego, CA) early the next morning and we both went to the swap meet held in the stadium where the San Diego Chargers play their games. We found a large collection of the usual "boat anchors" including an old Heath DX100 which had been sitting out in the weather for 2 years in a carport! I decided to pass on that "jewel." After the swap meet, Rich treated me to breakfast at a gay cafe-deli in San Diego's "gay district." It was a nice setting and I had a delicious French toast breakfast ... one of my favorite foods.

I returned to the convention and toured the commercial exhibits, drooling over the vast assortment of new equipment ... all the while wishing I had about \$10,000 cash in my pocket so I could load up on all sorts of neat goodies! I also attended talks on six meters and VHF mountain topping given by Wayne Auerbach (N6ND), one of ham radio's top VHF operators. Afterward, I rented a car and took in some of San Diego's night life which was disappointing. I visited five different night spots, but I found the locals quite cold and unfriendly, which is unfortunate since San Diego is such a pretty place. I really couldn't understand the reason for the coolness I encountered.

The next day, Sunday, I went back to the convention and attended a talk given by Wayne Green of 73 Magazine. Imagine ... Wayne Green at an ARRL convention! After the prize drawings, I went to see some of the sights of San Diego. My

first stop was the San Diego Zoo, the best in the United States and among the best anywhere. It is really beautiful. I saw three koala bears, including a very rare white albino. I also visited Old Town and Seaport Village. I spent several hours watching the ships and boats come and go ... which was a real treat for me ... being a land-locked Kansan!

After the convention, I flew back to Oakland on PSA (I think it stands for "pretty shitty airways"). I had found that my PSA flight had been changed so I was forced to hang around the airport for three hours before my return to the bay area. I finally made it back to the bay area pretty late in the day.

Back in the San Francisco bay area, I rented another car and visited Jackson's Mill and Sutter's Creek. The gold rush country in the Sierras is another beautiful area. I visited the Russian River area and saw some of the gay resorts there ... another beautiful area of California.

On my last Sunday in the bay area I went into San Francisco and visited Bill (K9AT) and Larry (WB9LOZ). We all went to brunch at a nice little outdoor cafe in the Castro area. Later, we attended a barbeque hosted by Kit (WB6QVU) and his lover who is awaiting his ham ticket. Kit and his lover are not on the LARC roster ... yet. The weather was great and the San Francisco fog stayed away. In fact, the weather was great the entire time I was in California. It only rained one day ... the day I left to return home ... so I was able to see and do quite a bit without worrying about the weather.

I wish more of the West Coast members had attended the convention. Rich and I were the only LARC members in attendance! Los Angeles is not that far away, and many LARC members who live there could have attended. I can't understand why more members didn't make it. We could have had a great time at the ARRL convention and made it into a "mini-Dayton."

Anyway, I made the best of it and dreaded the trip back to Kansas!

73s & 88s from Dale, WA0CFQ

(See photos from Dale's trip on page 4.)

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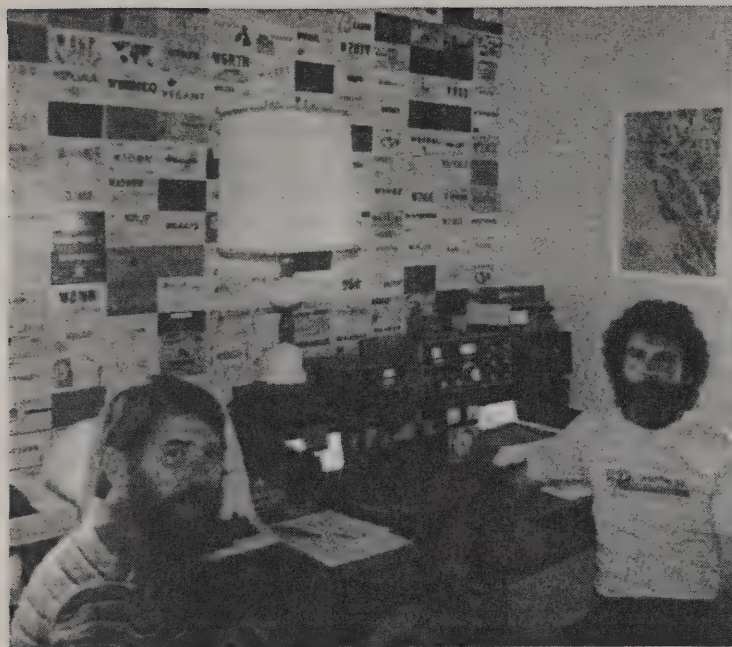
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Bill (K9AT) on left with Larry (WB9LOZ) during Dale's visit in September 1986.



Rich (AA1Z) on his BMW bike when Dale visited. (Photos by Dale Clark, WA0CFQ)

Report From the Big Apple

By Vic Carnuccio (KD2HE, New York, NY)

Earlier this year I flew down to Bermuda to operate in the WPX-CW contest and to get in a little scuba diving. Below is an underwater photo of me having a great time!



While monitoring a local repeater in August, I ran across a ham who was operating his handheld from an English class for foreigners at Upsala College. The student that I heard was from Monza, Italy, which is near Milan. I heard him telling the other station that they were working and that he was an artist at a fashion magazine there. I called after their contact had ended and explained

that I had studied graphic design and photography in college and Paolo returned asking if it would be OK if he came to visit me here in my studio. As an assignment for his English class he was to interview me for a school newspaper. We had an enjoyable evening during which I showed him graphic design projects that I had done as a student and some of my current photographs. We went for a walk through SoHo, the area of Manhattan in which I live, then returned back to my place. He then went on to tell me about his strange hobby of reading feet. I had never heard of it, but he said that it is very popular in Italy. So, I let him read my feet before saying good-bye. His father is also a ham and I look forward to working him some time soon. He visited again shortly before returning home in late August.

His teacher visited me last week and we had an enjoyable dinner and night out on the town. He is a psychologist and works as a volunteer for terminally ill patients here in New York in addition to his teaching job.

I am also sorry to report that my rain-damaged rig has not yet returned from the "ham hospital." I am anxiously waiting for it so I can at last get back on the air. Oh, well ... here's hoping it'll come soon.

I am planning a trip soon to South America, so I am busy as a bee preparing and trying to finish up things in the studio before I leave.

Until next time ... 73's

Vic, KD2HE

The World of VHF

By Dale Clark (WA0CFQ, Wellsville, KS)

To most hams VHF means 2 meters, and 2 meters means FM repeaters or packet radio. However, there is a whole lot more to VHF and those who limit themselves to FM or packet are missing out on a lot of what ham radio is about!

VHF is not just "line of sight." There is a fascinating array of different types of propagation affecting the VHF bands, especially 6 and 2 meters (see Fig. 15-5 from the ARRL Handbook). There are four different types of propagation important at VHF: F2 layer skip, "Sporadic-E" skip, air mass boundary tropospheric ducting ("tropo" for short), and Aurora. F2 layer skip is usually how most DX is worked on the HF bands, but during periods of sunspot peaks, 6 meters and the lower TV channels are affected as well. Worldwide DX is possible on 6 meters during peak sunspot cycle years. The best recent sunspot peak occurred from 1957 through 1960 with record-breaking conditions and some humorous touches. One such humorous story of the time involved an East Coast six meter ham who was giving another ham his phone number over the air, and at the same time tearing up British TV Channel #1 across the Atlantic (which is in the six meter band!). An English woman, furious that the ham was spoiling her BBC show, called him on the trans-Atlantic cable and complained of TVI! Great Britain has since abandoned Channel One and British hams have limited use of 6 meters now.

In the days of low sunspot activity, the chances of F2 openings are remote. It is not known whether or not F2 has ever reached 2 meters.

Sporadic E skip is the most popular and common way of working DX on 6 meters. This usually occurs from April through August, but has been proven to occur at other times of the year as well. Cross country and, occasionally, longer DX is possible on sporadic E. I have 44 States on 6 meters using mostly sporadic E and many other have WAS on 6 meters.

Sporadic E also affects 2 meters, although not as often as it affects 6 meters. However, it can be a real thrill to catch an "E" opening on 2 meters. There is a chart of the paths covered during a sporadic E opening which occurred on May 10 in the August 1986 QST. I worked into North Carolina during this opening, but (as you can see) others worked lots of different areas. On June 11, I caught another good "E" opening on 2 meters and worked 5 stations in Florida ... and some had S-9 signals! Who says 2 meters is a "local" band!

My 2 meter "DX" contacts were done using SSB, which is far superior to FM or AM for "DX" work. A good way to catch these openings is to listen on 6 meters. If stations less than 650 miles away are coming in with good signals, try 2 meters, it just might be open. Short skip on 6 meters indicates an especially intense "E" cloud which would reflect 2 meter signals. Another way is to monitor the TV channels 6 and 7 for out-of-town signals. Many 2 meter "DXers" do this.

Another form of DX propagation occurs via tropospheric ducting or "tropo." This affects the high VHF bands ... 2 meters, 220 MHz, and 432 MHz ... more than it affects 6 meters. Tropo provides another excellent way to pick up new states and grid squares on VHF. Tropo is usually the result of weather conditions, such as an approaching warm or cold front. Strong signals from 400 or more miles away are possible. It usually occurs during the summer months, but it can occur at other times of the year as well. The early morning hours, as the sun is rising, is another good time to work VHF DX.

Aurora (or "Northern Lights") provides yet another avenue for VHF DX propagation. During an Aurora, you should point your beam north so as to reflect your signal off of the Aurora. Unfortunately, signals received via Aurora are distorted and sound like bad filtering in the power supply. Best bet for this type of work is CW since sometimes the audio is so distorted that copy of phone signals is difficult. It can be a lot of fun, though!

On SSB and CW, regular "ground wave" work is possible out to perhaps 300 miles. Signals will be weak, but with good copy on SSB and CW. It is, perhaps, a good way for stations less than 300 miles apart to work regular schedules because QRN and QRM are much less than on 40 and 75 meters.

What's needed? A good multi-mode rig for 6 or 2 meters should suffice, along with a 3 or 4 element (or larger) beam on 6 meters and 10 elements or larger on 2 meters. On 2 meters, good quality coax is a must ... perhaps even hardline ... as some coax (like RG58U) is very lossy on 2 meters and is almost worthless. The new Belden 9913 coax works well for 6 and 2 meters. A Cushcraft or KLM beam up in the clear will help also, or you can "homebrew" a beam from the "Handbook." On 2 meters, a 1/2 wave is short so a multi-element beam is no larger than most TV antennas and would not cause as much alarm among the neighbors as would a typical HF tri-bander!

I hope this article generates some interest in our Club for VHF operating. For those interested, relatively inexpensive, older multi-mode rigs like the Kenwood TS700, TR9000 or ICOM IC245, IC290A, etc. are starting to show up in flea markets as some hams are starting to trade up to newer rigs. I use a Kenwood TS820/TV506 transverter on 6 meters and a TR9000/Mirage amplifier on 2 meters. SSB/CW DXing on VHF is one of the big thrills of ham radio for me ... and a lot of fun. It helps fill in the summer months when the HF bands are lousy. VHF could also provide a good way for some of our members to keep in touch without being at the mercy of the bad propagation, QRN, and QRM of the summer months, like those members in the "east coast corridor."

I hope this article will wet the appetite of our Club membership for VHF operating above and beyond FM and packet. There's a lot more to cover, but now it's time to have a little fun operating! CU on VHF!

73's ... Dale Clark, WA0CFQ

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LARC Constitution & By-Laws Ballots Mailed to Membership

By Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

On September 30th, copies of the proposed LARC Constitution & By-Laws were mailed to the membership along with a ballot on which members may record their vote for or against adoption. The ballot also provides space for the nomination of club members to run for elected office in LARC. Elections will be held as soon as possible after the adoption of the Constitution & By-Laws. Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI, Long Beach, CA) did a beautiful job of printing up copies of the document for the membership. The deadline for the return of the ballots is October 31st. Any club members who did not receive a ballot should advise me immediately! The results of the balloting for the Constitution & By-Laws as well as nominations for elected office will be published as soon as possible in the NEWS.

K5MWG Wins Big At Hamfest

Al Abrams (K5MWG, Baton Rouge, LA) won first prize at the New Orleans Hamfest recently. Al says he's been going to hamfests for 25 years and never won anything a single thing until now. The prize ... a new Kenwood TS-440S with antenna tuner. Congratulations, Al!

East Coast LARCs Attend Maryland Hamfest

By Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

On Sunday, September 7th, seven LARC members travelled to Gaithersburg, MD, a suburb of Washington DC, to attend the large annual hamfest held there every year. LARC members in attendance were: Howard (W9BVD), Duane (K4UW), Mark (KC3XC), Jim (KK3K), Roy (WB3LFI), Tommy (KA3MKC), and Dick (K3AKK).

The weather was terrific ... sunny and pleasant with temperatures around 80°. The main attraction of this hamfest has got to be the enormous flea market. Most of the activities were outdoors, allowing everyone to enjoy the fine weather as well as the browsing. There were indoor displays in addition to the outdoor areas and several major manufacturers, as well as the ARRL, had booths set up indoors. Mark had the shortest distance to travel to get to the hamfest as he lives only one or two exits away on the main highway. Jim had about a two and one-half hour drive; it was a beautiful day and the drive was a pleasure. Howard, Duane, Mark, and Jim met after the hamfest for dinner and all agreed that the hamfest was fun, but that getting together with fellow LARC members was what made the event truly memorable!

SouthNet Packet Voice Net

From Gateway, The ARRL Packet-Radio Newsletter, 7-25-86

At the November 1985 meeting of SouthNet in Atlanta, GA, an HF SSB net was established for SouthNet packet-radio information-exchange purposes. The net has been meeting weekly each Sunday at 2:30 pm EST on 7190 kHz. W4FX is the net control station.

This frequency is in a sub-band that excludes General class operators, so it was decided to change to 7260 kHz +/- QRM effective September 1, 1986. Now, General to Extra class operators can check in. The net will meet on the same day and time as before. SouthNet can serve an important function by providing a real-time forum and information exchange for packet radio. All interested parties residing in the southeast are urged to check into the net whenever possible.

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Any ideas or suggestions?

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ARRL Atlantic Division Director Introduced to LARC

By Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

On Sunday, September 14th, the South Jersey Radio Association (SJRA) held their annual hamfest at the Pennsauken High School in Pennsauken, NJ, which is located across the Delaware River and slightly north of Philadelphia, PA. I had attended the Gaithersburg, MD hamfest one week earlier on September 7th and had stopped at the ARRL booth in the hope of meeting Hugh Turnbull (W3ABC), who is the Atlantic Division Director of the ARRL. However, he was not in attendance in Gaithersburg. The ARRL folks told me he would be attending the SJRA hamfest one week later in Pennsauken. I decided I would try to meet him there.

September 14th turned out to be another beautiful day as I hopped into my van for the short 20 minutes ride across the bridge to the SJRA hamfest. The hamfest was small by most standards, held entirely outdoors, and consisting of mostly flea market type tailgaters with a few small dealers. There was one tent sent up for use by the sponsoring club and shared by the folks from the ARRL. However, before I even got to the tent with the ARRL table or made the rounds at the flea market I came across Hugh talking to another amateur in one of the flea market aisles. I decided to stand by until he finished his conversation and speak to him then. He finished in a few minutes and then he and I were able to chat.

I had come prepared for the meeting. I brought along a copy of our LARC newsletter, a copy of the proposed LARC Constitution & By-Laws. These were designed to back up my argument that our club is a legitimate amateur radio organization deserving of fair treatment by the ARRL. I found Hugh to be quite understanding as I presented our case and he suggested that we write ARRL President Price. I explained that we had done this already but that the directors had affirmed League advertising policy. He told me that what they tried to do was shore up a faulty process whereby advertising was not properly screened. I told him about my meeting with Great Lakes Division Director George Wilson (W4OYI) at Dayton '86 and he wanted to know what George had said. When I explained that George had suggested we let things cool down and then write again, Hugh seemed to think this was a good idea. He did state that he thought the League should be fair with us, not discriminate, and that he had no problem with us or our club running and ad in QST in regard to ham radio.

Hugh Turnbull is the second member of the ARRL

LARC Members Celebrate 10th Anniversary

By Larry Kenney (WB9LOZ, San Francisco, CA)

Bill Choisser (K9AT) and Larry Kenney (WB9LOZ) of San Francisco will be celebrating their 10th Anniversary as lovers on October 20th. Twenty of their close friends will be joining them for cocktails and dinner the previous evening in honor of the event.

Bill and I met my amateur radio. Our initial contact was in Southern Illinois in early September 1976 when Bill and other members of the Saline County Radio Club were checking out a site for their new 2 meter repeater. I was on vacation and was looking for directions to a local motel. I made contact with Bill and was given the needed directions. A travelling ham asking for directions of a local ham is an everyday occurrence and this contact was passed off as one.

However, a month and a half later, on October 20th, Bill moved to Chicago and attended his first meeting of the Chicago FM Club. He liked the group and at the end of the meeting went to the club Secretary to get an application to join. The call on the Secretary's name badge looked familiar ... WB9LOZ ... and once we got to talking I found out why.

Since I worked at a local radio station and Bill previously worked in radio broadcasting, I invited him to see the station. A couple of weeks later Bill took me up on my offer. After the station visit we went out to dinner. During the next two months we became good friends, and on January 1, 1977 Bill moved in with me. Two years later, after a very cold winter and several feet of snow, we decided to move away from Chicago's extreme climate to the moderate weather of San Francisco.

We now own a home a few blocks from Castro Street and are still very active in amateur radio as members of the San Francisco Radio Club, the Pacific Racket Radio Society, and, of course, the Lambda Amateur Radio Club. Our station is equipped for all bands ... 160 meters to 450 Mhz. Most of Bill's activity is on 30/40 meter CW and spend most of my time on 2 meter packet.

Amateur Radio Brings People Together

Board of Directors who has been approached regarding the LARC classified ad problem. We probably have a long way to go yet with the League, but so far our efforts appear to be meeting with some success, so we'll continue to bridge-building process until we come together!

New Arizona Digipeater

From Gateway, The ARRL Packet-Radio Newsletter, 7-11-86

David Dodell, WB7TPY reports that a new digipeater has been placed into service on Green's Peak in eastern Arizona. The new digi will use the callsign W7GNP-1. It's hoped that the new digipeater will be able to connect into New Mexico, however, at this time little is known about local activity, terrain, etc. If you are able to connect using W7GNP-1 or have any information on its coverage, please contact WB7TPY.

October Birthdays

Here's this month's group! Wish each one a very
Happy Birthday!

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| Duane Durst | 10-7 | Sterling, VA |
| Christopher Kent | 10-12 | Ramsey, NJ |
| Howard Wyman | 10-19 | Alexandria, VA |
| Charles Reavis | 10-24 | San Antonio, TX |

PK-64 Software & Hardware Update

From Gateway, The ARRL Packet-Radio Newsletter, 8-8-86

Now available from AEA is an updated software package and an improved cable. The software is contained in two EPROMs that may be plugged in by the user. The menu appears a little different with the new ROMs, but adds features such as: a large RAM buffer; larger transmit buffer and better multiconnect control. The new cable is a round shielded cable about 24 inches long. This is a great improvement on the cable problem, since the TNC can now be located far enough away from the computer to make tuning easier. Cost is in the neighborhood of \$35 for the ROMs, and \$35 for the cable retrofit.

From the OPERATOR Newsletter

A New Look For the NEWS?

As I'm sure you've noticed, this issue of the NEWS has a little bit different look about it from previous issues. The biggest difference is due to the use of a Narrow Helvetica typestyle instead of the more traditional newspaper look of Times. Please let me know if you like this look or not.

Editor

FOR SALE

YAESU FT-101, 160-10 meters. Good first rig. Only \$300 and includes Heath SWR/Wattmeter. Call Wayne, WA6FXL, at 415-239-7466.

Report From the Big Apple

By Vic Carnuccio (KD2HE, New York, NY)

Now that summer has passed and we return from our vacation spots to the whirl of the Fall activities, perhaps we will hear more from each other over the air or otherwise.

My operating activities have been dampened somewhat by a trickle of water from the apartment above that fell upon by FT-ONE and, unfortunately, zapped some of the components. As a result, it has been shipped to the Yaesu radio hospital in California for repairs and isn't expected back until late September. So ... during the interlude I have been spending my time at the computer keyboard learning the keys to my Paperclip and feeding it into a printer that I recently purchased.

In late May I flew south to the pleasant and sunny island of Bermuda along with the rig to operate in the WPX-CW contest, as well as to scuba dive off shore with my camera. I set up the Butternut vertical on my sister's front lawn, unravelled the radials atop the excellent ground that I yearned for back in New York City, and geared up for a slew of contacts on RTTY with the C-64 and AEA PK-64 before the contest. As a result of the contest I have been deluged with QSL requests. In the contest itself I managed to rack up 762,540 points on all bands during the 22 hours 20 minutes operating time that I put in from my sister's girl's bedroom. I could have done better, but I spent excessive time on 160 testing an extended Marconi hung from a nearby tree with the help of some fishing tackle and a pulley. Guess I made a few guys happy to work VP9 on 160 meters though.

I visited the Youngstown OH area recently for a family reunion and visited Don Callaghan (W8MTD). We had an enjoyable time and took a look at his basement shack and his photographic studio/darkroom. It was a pleasure to meet someone who has so many similar interests. We managed to get together the following day for a hamfest near Cleveland. I checked out a few linears that were on sale at the flea market but didn't buy anything. Hope to meet Dan again on the air.

The summer has been a productive one for me and I hope for everyone else as well. The coming months should prove to be on the upward swing as far as DXing goes and I wish everyone all the best. For now, 73's from The Big Apple ... BCNU!

(More next month. -Ed.)

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BACK IN THE SADDLE AGAIN

By Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI, Long Beach, CA)

Well, it's that time again ... summer is now officially over and we are looking forward to being around a bit more. We've hopefully done all of those little things around the shack that needed attending to while the weather was warm. It's already starting to cool down in the east and some are forecasting a long, cold winter.

The NEWS will once again be back on its monthly schedule of bringing the latest news from around the net to you in the most timely manner possible. Look for it each month in your mailbox.

DID YOU GET YOUR COPY OF THE LAMBDA NET NEWS?

If you do not get your copy of the NEWS, please let Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA). He receives all of the extra copies of each issue and can send you any missing copies or can send you an extra one if you need it.

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE: VOLUNTEER TO HELP LAMBDA

By Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

Our progress through the 80's depends on you! Volunteers are needed in key areas, even if your contribution is only once every two or three months ... come on and join the fun of sharing your experience and knowledge with your fellow Lambdians. Here are few areas that members have indicated they would like to see coverage.

PACKET COORDINATOR. More and more packet stations are coming on the air each month on HF, VHF and satellite frequencies. With the explosion in packet activity, we'll soon have coast-to-coast message forwarding and more. We need someone to maintain a roster of active Lambda packeteers and perhaps write a little article about packet. We have more engineers and technicians in our group than I've ever run into anywhere else, so this one ought to be easy.

TECHNICAL EDITOR. We need one of our members to write a little article on technical topics for the NEWS. There are more and more technical issues needing clarification and simplification in this digital world of ours. With all of the very fine expertise in the club, do we have someone willing to share some of theirs?

HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT. We need someone to coordinate this worthwhile project. A volunteer is needed to contact the Gay High School in New York City to find out what we can do to generate some interest in ham radio there. No pressure here ... just have some fun and see if there is a way our Club might be able to help. Someone close to New York City or at least in the east would probably be best. If you're interested in public service, here is a golden opportunity to help where it may really be needed.

Here is your chance to help all of us learn more and keep up to date on the latest happenings that affect our hobby and our Club. *Volunteer now!*

NEW LARC CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

By Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

At the Lambda Amateur Radio Club (LARC) business meeting held in Dayton in April of this year, copies of the proposed Constitution and By-Laws for the Club were distributed to those present. A discussion of the need for a Constitution and By-Laws, as well as elected officers was held. It was agreed that a they would add structure, order, and legitimacy to our growing Club, and that the Club should adopt them as soon as possible. The members present functioned as a steering committee and the Constitution and By-Laws have been finalized based on input received from members since Dayton. We are now prepared to submit the proposed Constitution and By-Laws to the membership for ratification.

In the near future, you will receive your copy of the proposed Constitution and By-Laws. Please read it carefully, then return the ballot provided. Note that the Constitution calls for elections after it is adopted, and has a built-in provision for modifications in the future.

Important! The proposed Constitution and By-Laws will be adopted or rejected by a simple majority vote of those members returning a ballot, so please vote ... and vote yes!

Assuming the adoption of the LARC Constitution and By-Laws, we will hold elections this fall, so you should also begin to think about nominating members to serve as LARC President, Vice President, and Secretary. Consult the text of the By-Laws for information regarding duties, length of term, etc. Nominations will be completely open and you can nominate yourself or any other member for any and all elected positions.

The LARC Constitution and By-Laws were patterned after those in effect for an alumni association with modifications as suggested and required for our particular needs. They may not be perfect, but they will get us going and we can refine them down the road.

It's your Club and important that you vote on the adoption of these articles!

VOTE YES FOR ADOPTION!!

**VOTE "YES"
FOR A
BETTER LARC**

N4VA HOSTS BARBEQUE FOR LARC MEMBERS

By Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

On Sunday, July 20th, 3 and 4 -land LARC members were invited to a barbeque at the QTH of Larry, N4VA, in Springfield, VA. The weather was typical for the Washington D.C. area during the summer and it was hot and humid. The expected late afternoon thundershowers held off until almost 8 PM, allowing everyone to enjoy the good company and good food both in and out of doors. In attendance were: Larry (N4VA), Duane (K4UW), Mark (KC3XC) and his lover Stuart, Howard (W9BVD/4) and his lover Bob, Bob (WB2PRC), Jim (KK3K) and his lover Dan, and Dick (K3AKK, not currently a LARC member), as well as several other invited guests. We all admired Larry's home, and especially the substantial tower and ground-mounted vertical, although some grumbings were overheard from loved ones terrified that towers might soon appear at home! I learned that Bob (WB2PRC) keeps very busy working as a linguist, teaching and tutoring Spanish, German, English, and Russian.

Mark (KC3XC) and Howard (W9BVD) put their computers together and swapped software. Duane (K4UW), Dick (K3AKK), and Jim (KK3K) compared notes on packet radio while Larry (N4VA) cooked a banquet of barbeque chicken and kept everyone cool with a fresh drink or cold beer. We all enjoyed meeting the other guests, Bill, Dick, and Tom; and learned perhaps they might be joining the ham radio ranks. Midway through the afternoon, Larry got a landline which turned out to be a piece of traffic from Irv (AF2K, Webster, NY) saying, "wish I were there!" Larry sent back, "We wish you were here too!" It was a fun afternoon, we all appreciated Larry's generous hospitality, and here's hoping that there will be more such events for LARC members in every area soon.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome the following new LARC members:

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| Bill Breare | WA2YMW | Hicksville, NY | Novice |
| George Lytle | WA2YCL | Plainfield, NJ | General |
| Bill Weaver | WA6FSP | Sunnyvale, CA | Extra |
| Hershel Jackson | WA0MBC | Florissant, MO | Tec |

SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

Join us in wishing these
members an extra special

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

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| Robert Nicolai | 7-?? | St. Louis, MO |
| Arnold Feldman | 7-28 | Jessup, MD |
| Jerry Reed | 7-29 | Marcy, NY |
| Al Abrams | 8-1 | Baton Rouge, LA |
| Bill Breare | 8-11 | Hicksville, NY |
| Don Richman | 8-23 | South San Francisco, CA |
| Kelly Boswell | 9-?? | State University, AR |
| Neil McKie | 9-14 | Aloha, OR |
| Dale Clark | 9-16 | Wellsville, KS |
| Joe Salvatoriello | 9-25 | Avenel, NJ |

GAYTEK

Gaytek is a lesbian and gay organization of people interested in all aspects of technology - science, engineering, computers, technological development and services. The membership includes academics, research scientists, engineers, draftsmen, computer programmers, clinical chemists, architects, and more. Some members have personal computers.

Meetings usually take place on the third Wednesday of the month (Sep-May) at the Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, 208 West 13th Street, Manhattan (New York City). They usually have a program on some aspect of technology or on some aspect of gay life relevant to the membership. They also have social events, parties, theatre outings, beach parties, picnics, etc.

To get their newsletter, send a card or note to:
Gaytek

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Rockefeller Center Station
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AROUND THE NET

By Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI, Long Beach, CA)

Bill Wolfe (KA8TZX, Youngstown, OH) writes to say he has upgraded to Technician Class and hopes to have his General ticket this Fall. *Congratulations, Bill!*

Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI, Long Beach, CA) is finishing the remodelling of his shack and installation of new operating position and has been off the air for the past three weeks while this work has been going on.

PACKET NEWS

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CENTRAL CALIFORNIA PACKET

The Central California Coastal group received a treat on the weekend of May 10th: KB6KUG and WB6DFU provided temporary digipeating from their automobile, complete with a Commodore 64 aboard. The Cuesta Peak effort resulted in many coastal bound TNCs checking into the network for the first time. Two weeks later, WD6Z provided 145.01 coverage from the same peak. The digipeater remains in operation. The weekend of May 24th, keynoted a digipeater organization organizational meeting at Atascadero Park, in which the Central California Relay Society opted to sponsor a permanent digipeater as part of the ARES effort to permanently link to Sacramento, replacing the WD6Z-1 unit. In addition, it was agreed to use 146.36 MHz simplex as a local digipeating frequency similar to Santa Barbara whenever possible, and within line of sight.

From W6DHO

COMMODORE SOFTWARE FOR PACKET RADIO

Commodore 64 users who are interested in exchanging programs via packet radio are invited to sample some public-domain file-transfer software by Warren Flynn, WB4ZOJ. This program, written in BASIC, will be distributed on a no-cost disk-exchange basis. To get a copy of the program send a disk to Warren as follows:

1. Send your disk in a STIFF, REUSEABLE mailer.
2. Enclose sufficient return postage.
3. The disk you send does not have to be formatted.

All disks should be sent to:

Warren Flynn WB5ZOJ
80 Brett Lane
Temple, GA 30179.

From WB4ZOJ

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LAMBDA NET NEWS

The Official Publication of the Lambda Amateur Radio Club

Edited by Don Bledsoe, WB6LYI

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IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN

Just a little reminder ... it's that time of year again. When there's not enough time to get everything done that needs our attention or enough time with the family. When we are all busier than usual and have more than our usual share of obligations. When we have to be everywhere else but near the ham shack. We all only get so much time, but the hard part is using it wisely. This is the time of year when the attendance of the net meetings drops off because there isn't enough time. So, don't be surprised if you have a little difficulty in reaching someone some Sunday morning. Rest assured that we'll all be back with a little more time ... next time.

Because we are all so active at this time of year, it is the perfect time to take a picture of where you've been or what you've been doing, even if you've just been lounging around. Your fellow Lambdians will be delighted to hear about your activities in the Lambda Net News. Drop me a note and we'll tell all! Most important of all ... have a safe and sane summer.

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AROUND THE NET

By Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI, Long Beach, CA)

Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA) reports that he's having a ball on packet radio. Jim, Howard (W9BVD) and Duane (K4UW) leave messages for each other regularly and can work each other via digipeaters (soon to be called simply "switches") at will. With the rapid proliferation of packet network systems, will not be long before we will all be able to link together for net meetings. Jim wants to remind everyone of the recent change in the net schedule; check the box on the front page.

Tom Hendrix (KI4ZN, Clemmons, NC) writes to say "what a blast" the Dayton Hamvention was and that he's already planning for Dayton '87. He notes that the bus system really makes it easy to get a group of people around without problems. Good news! The tower went up May 10th and is completely installed. The KLM XTA beam is under construction and the rotator and cables have been ordered. It won't be long before we hear Tom putting out a good signal from Clemmons. He wanted to be sure that everyone knows about the Shelby, NC hamfest on August 30-31. If you need more information or are planning to attend, call Tom.

Yours truly, Don Bledsoe, is working on a new operating position and desk to build the station into so that it will be more functional and a lot more attractive than it is now. As soon as it's done, I'll snap a picture and include it in the NEWS.

KD2HE TRIES NEW COMPACT BEAM

By Vic Carnuccio (KD2HE, New York, NY)

I have been using a Butternut vertical since retuning to the airwaves in the spring of 1983, but last year I decided to try a new antenna with more directivity. Since all commercially available beams for 20 meters are too large for my urban rooftop, I had no choice but to homebrew one that is within the width of my roof. As the roof is only 25 feet wide, I built the "DX Weasel" from "The ARRL Antenna Anthology." It is just right for my roof and is rugged enough to withstand the wind and cold of New York City winters. The elements are shortened to one half size with loading coils and capacitance hats on each of its three elements.

Building it posed no real problems since there are metal supply stores for aluminum tubing and plenty of electronic junk stores near my QTH. The only part that I had trouble finding was the variable capacitor for the gamma match. I had to order it through the mail.

Jim Kelly (KK3K) was very helpful and came up to New York City to help install it atop an 18 foot Rohn tower. I am using a small Hy-Gain rotator that works just fine. After initially putting it up I discovered it wasn't all that good a radiator, but a good receiving antenna. The reasons are unclear but it may be that my vertical is higher and more in the clear. The base of the vertical is the same height as the beam. The radial system of the vertical may be interfering with the radiation pattern of the beam since the two antennas are only about 20 feet apart. Unfortunately, there are buildings surrounding the roof that are much higher and may be absorbing large amounts of the RF. The chart is based on reports received over a period of several months. At times the beam outperforms the vertical, but in most instances the vertical radiates a better signal. I do like the advantages of directivity the beam has to offer, so I often use it as a receiving antenna over the noisy vertical.

I'm not sure if I should take it down and try a 2 element quad or to continue using it until 1988-89 when the sunspot cycle begins to take an upward swing at which time I might consider trying something for 15 or 10 meters.

COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE DATA FOR GROUND PLANE VERTICAL (BUTTERNUT) AND 3-ELEMENT MINI YAGI (Pg 41, The ARRL Antenna Anthology)

| PATH | NO. OF REPORTS | FAVORING BEAM | FAVORING VERTICAL | NO DIFFERENCE | MEAN ANTENNA ADVANTAGE |
|------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Short Skip (1,000 mi.) | 13 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 2.25 DB |
| DX (3,000+ mi.) | 18 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 1.75 DB |
| Ground Wave | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

UPCOMING HAMFEST IN OHIO

Mark your calendar! The annual Hamfest sponsored by the Twenty Over Nine Amateur Radio Club in Youngstown, Ohio will be held on Saturday, September 13 from 9:00am to 4:00pm. There will be prizes galore donated by local firms like Twin-Tronics in Youngstown and R&L Electronics in Hamilton, Ohio. First prize is a Yaesu FT-270RH mobile rig; second is a Yaesu FT-209RH HT; third is a Yaesu FT-208 HT; and

fourth is a Kem-Tron 8 amp power supply. The big prize drawing will be held promptly at 2:30pm. In addition, there will be a mobile check-in prize and other prizes awarded throughout the day. Mobile check-in is via N8FAL (147.915/.315) or N8DNE (144.670/.270) or on 146.520 simplex. For exhibiting dealers, there are large indoor facilities and plenty of room outside. Admission is only \$3 whether you are buying or selling and includes all prize drawings. There promises to be a large turnout ... don't be left out! For more information or directions, contact Bill Wolfe (KA8TZX) at 216-549-3177. See you there!



WB6LYI STATION

This is the home QTH of Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI) in Long Beach, CA. Don is the Director of Marketing for a computer manufacturing and distribution firm. His background prior to being in the computer industry is as varied as most people. He has been as actor (you can *still* see him as the fainting cop during the opening credits of the "Quincy" TV show), film/TV make-up artist (he still does it for fun), owner of a cosmetics company, office manager for a trucking company, and owner of a computer retail store. Don is working at being more active on packet radio and wants to try his hand at a contesting. He is hoping to add a small linear to the shack later this year.

A REMINDER

All brothers and sisters are welcome at your local Metropolitan Community Church. Visit them soon!

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RATS INFORMATION BULLETIN

Level 3 Switch Setup Information

Here are the basic parameters which should help you get started with the N2WX Gatornet software for the TNC-2. If there are any further questions please contact J. Gordon Beattie, Jr. (N2DSY) at 201-387-8896.

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| PACLEN | 0 | (256 bytes) |
| MAXFRAME | 4 | We will be using 2 shortly. |
| MYCALL | "-3" | Use the SSID of 3 to indicate level 3 compatibility. |
| MYALIAS | "-2" | We encourage the digipeater users to use this address so that we can easily trace level 3 problems. |
| NET | ON | Turns on level 3 capability. |
| SWITCH | ON | Turns on switch capability. |
| MYNETWORKADDRESS | | Set to "03100AAA101" if you are the first switch in your area. Replace the "AAA" with your area code. The "101" can be replaced by any address between "101" and "199". Local agreements will be needed for coordinating switch numbers. |
| SWITCHID | NOT USED | (Ignore it.) |
| USERS | 0 | Means 5 in current code (this will be expanded.) |

The Radio Amateur Telecommunications Society is dedicated to building the Amateur Packet Network. We provide network facilities as part of the EASTNET system. Your support of our efforts is appreciated. Contact us for further information.

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RECORD NUMBER OF LAMBDA NET MEMBERS ATTEND 1986 DAYTON HAMVENTION BEAUTIFUL WX AND EXPANDED EXHIBITS HIGHLIGHT DAYTON '86

By Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

A record number of Lambda Net members attended this year's hamvention and enjoyed the beautiful, sunny 85 degree WX during all three days of the hamfest. In attendance this year were two new members referred to the Club, Hershel (WA0MBC) and Dave (WD8IKB). Regulars present were Irv (AF2K), Mark (KA3OPD/AA), Duane (K4UW), Tom (KI4ZN) with his roommate Dick, Howard (W9BVD), Dale (WA0CFQ), Bill (KA8TZX), Gordon (WB5OYL), Don (WB6LYI), and Jim (KK3K).

Howard did a great job in securing rooms for the Club and all rooms were utilized and occupied by two people each so accommodations were comfortable indeed.

When the members arrived on Friday, the temperature was a balmy 80 degrees and sunny. Members lost no time in identifying some very good looking young hams staying at our same hotels. Throughout the weekend, the sights were spectacular as many good looking guys came prepared for the nice WX with shorts and other appropriate dress. We will especially remember KC3N and NI8L who caught the attention of the entire group many times during the weekend!

With the WX so great, it was tough to leave the flea market for the indoor display areas and forums, but several of the group attended the Packet Radio Forum held on Friday. The forum was well attended and demonstrated the excitement currently surrounding packet. Afterwards, we began to tour some of the huge indoor display areas which were noticeably larger this year. These areas are populated by the manufacturers and dealers. There were folks eager to answer your questions, give you literature, and make you a great deal on that piece of equipment you've had your eye on! Even on Friday, we noticed immediately that the crowd was much larger than we expected *and were they in a buying mood!*

Dealers were already reporting that they were sold out of some hot items, like the new MFJ Packet TNC, even though the hamfest was only a couple of hours old. Our members wasted no time and got down to some serious buying! Tom (KI4ZN) with a Kantronics UTU Universal Terminal, Duane (K4UW) with a Kenwood TH21 HT and a Ramsey Counter, Jim (KK3K) with an AEA Packratt-64 TNC, Howard (W9BVD) an HF modem for his Packratt-64, Mark (KA3OPD) a power supply for his Yaesu 209RH HT, Dale (WA0CFQ) bought a Welz Power/SWR Meter, and Bill (KA8TZX) picked up an IBM typewriter out in the flea market. When they were not cutting a deal on some new equipment or checking out the sights, some of the members attended other forums. Duane (K4UW) attended the ATV (Amateur TV) Forum and Bill (KA8TZX) attended the Power Safety Forum. A contingent attended the Wayne Green Forum on Saturday and enjoyed the stimulating talk always given by the publisher of 73 Magazine. On Sunday, Jim (KK3K) attended the ARRL Forum.

On Friday evening we were on our own for dinner, so a group went to a Mexican restaurant, the Casa Lupita, while another group went for more conventional food at the Rustler Steak House. After dinner, some of the group who had travelled long distances called it a night. For the rest of us, it was time to attend some of the parties given by various groups at Dayton. Our first stop was the Farout Repeater group's party and from there we went to the DX Hospitality Suites at the Stouffer Hotel. We found these parties a little

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tame, so our next stop was a gay bar called "Changes" in downtown Dayton, which was more to our liking. Then, with two full exciting days to go we decided to get some rest and get to the Hamvention early on Saturday.

Saturday began with beautiful WX again and we took the convenient shuttle buses to Hara Arena, site of the Hamvention. We stayed in touch on our 2 Meter simplex frequency of 145.800 and enjoyed another super day of indoor and outdoor activities at the Hamvention. The highlight of the day was getting the entire group together for lunch followed by a group picture taken outdoors for publication in our newsletter. We got a willing non-gay ham to take the picture out in an open area next to the indoor complex. There were hundreds of hams outdoors in the area at the time enjoying the WX and relaxing, and we could not help but wonder what they would have thought if they knew exactly what group was getting their picture taken! Irv (AF2K) very cleverly came prepared for our group picture and gave each member a sign to hold with his callsign on it, and for another shot he passed out large single letters for us all to hold which spelled out "DAYTON 86"! *What a great idea!!!* After the group picture, we spent the afternoon enjoying more of the hamfest and then we met back at the Lambda Net Hospitality Suite at the Ramada Inn North, hosted by Tom (KI4ZN) and his roommate, Dick. The purpose was to conduct a business meeting of the Club. We had a fine meeting which lasted over an hour and a half [See Minutes of the meeting in this issue. -Ed]. Following the meeting, the entire group enjoyed dinner together at Anticoli's Italian Restaurant thanks to Irv (AF2K) for making the reservations. Spirits were running high and everyone had a great time socializing at dinner, and the food was excellent too. After dinner, most of our group went to our favorite nightspot in Dayton, the "1470 West" disco complex and stayed well into the wee hours. Among other special effects, the disco has huge video display screens, and we noticed a "Welcome Lambda Net" message displayed on the screens. We left when we realized we had to turn the clocks forward and lose yet another hour! Everyone agreed that it was a great, great at the Hamvention.!

On Sunday, with beautiful again, we checked out of our hotel rooms and drove to the Hamvention to enjoy the final day. The day was highlighted by some last minute shopping, more forums, and the outdoor flea market. Again, we kept in touch on 2 meters and said goodbye to each other as the day progressed and we had to catch

flights or leave by car. Those of us who could stayed until the official close at about 5pm. It's a good thing we did too because Don (WB6LYI) won a prize at the drawing held at the end of the hamfest! Don had to leave earlier and you did need to be present to claim a prize, so Don gave his ticket to Howard (W9BVD) in case he won. Howard claimed the prize, the first time in four years that one of our Club members has won. The prize was a desktop floppy disk storage cabinet, wire stripper, and two batteries. Don has offered to donate the prize to the High School Club Project, a very nice gesture.

The weekend at the Dayton Hamvention was exciting, lots of fun, and rewarding in many ways. We don't get to see each other very often, so we all enjoyed the eyeball QSOs very much. So many really great things happened for our Club and individual Club members this year, it will be a tough act to follow! Even so, most of us left already planning to attend Dayton '87. *Hope to see you there !!!* ☐

LAMBDA CLUB HAS A FRIEND IN WAYNE GREEN

By Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

One of the best things that happened to me at this year's Dayton Hamvention occurred when I stopped by the 73 Magazine booth and introduced myself, Howard (W9BVD), Mark (KA3OPD), and Dale (WA0CFQ) to Wayne Green (W2NSD/1), publisher of 73 Magazine. I had planned to do some handshaking on behalf of the Club at the Hamvention in the hope of getting some support for the Club from the ARRL and 73 Magazine. I was delighted that Wayne Green was manning the booth when we stopped by. I introduced myself to Wayne and explained that I was a member of the Lambda Amateur Radio Net, a club for gay hams, and that the ARRL had run our ad for new members once, but then caved-in and pulled the ad. Well, Wayne smiled and said that he wasn't surprised at the League's action, as conservative as they are. I wasted no time and asked him if 73 Magazine would run one of our ads and, to his great credit, he immediately responded in the affirmative, saying only that he would like to run an editorial to explain policy and head off the "red-necks". He was very friendly, shook our hands heartily, and told us that he has gay friends and "knows its not contagious". Mark compared notes with Wayne on compact disks and Dale and I bought subscriptions to 73 Magazine.

It was really a nice feeling to get such a

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positive response from Wayne Green and it is nice to know that we have a place to go to advertise for the Club when we're ready. There are progressive people out there, people who are willing to treat us properly and be our friends. It's up to us to identify them, ask for their help, and support them when they respond positively to us. If you're looking to subscribe to a ham radio magazine, consider 73 Magazine ... it's published by a real friend. □



MARK WILCOX (KA3OPD) MOVES UP TO ADVANCED

This picture was taken in January 1986 and shows most of Mark's shack, a Yaesu FT-757GX and straight (so to speak) key. Shortly afterward, Mark visited Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA) and came home convinced he had to buy Bencher paddles for easier CW and to upgrade *as soon as possible*. The station today has the Bencher paddles as well as a Yaesu FT-209RH 2 meter HT. He is also considering entering the new and exciting world of packet radio at the time of this writing.

In April, he upgraded from Novice to Advanced class in one sitting at the Greater Baltimore Hamfest in Timonium, MD. He was accompanied that triumphant day by Howard Wyman (W9BVD) and new Lambda Amateur Radio Club member, Roy (WB3LFI). He is anxiously awaiting the arrival of his new call sign. *Congratulations, Mark!*

Mark has been licensed less than a year and likes to work other Lambda Net members. He works as a technician for the telephone company in the Washington D.C. area. He also enjoys languages, speaks French, some Spanish, and a little German. He maintains accounts on the People Link, CompuServe, and The Source computer services and enjoys science fiction novels.

ARRL OFFICIAL OFFERS ENCOURAGING RESPONSE REGARDING LAMBDA NET AD REFUSAL

BOB LAYCOCK'S (KA8UHL) LETTER CALLED "TERRIFIC"

By Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

DAYTON, OH - Sunday, April 27, 1986 -
- Even though the WX was tremendous and I wanted to be outside at the flea market, I took the time to attend the ARRL Forum at the Dayton Hamvention on Sunday morning at 11:15am. My plan was to attend the forum and afterward attempt to have a conversation with the highest ARRL Official I could find in an effort to build some bridges between our Club and the ARRL and get some insight into why they dropped our ad without an explanation. I was successful beyond my expectations!

I asked around a bit and learned that the highest ranking League Official in attendance was Great Lakes Division Director and Executive Committee Member George S. Wilson III (W4OYD). George conducted much of the forum which concentrated on getting more folks into ham radio via clubs and getting clubs to take an active role in recruiting more hams. This was a perfect lead-in for me. When the forum ended, I hurried up to the front and introduced myself to George. I explained that I was a member of the Lambda Net and that, as a club, we were involved in "Elmering" and promoting the service, and told him of our ill-fated ad. At that point, he acknowledged that he was aware of the situation since the Executive Committee dealt with it in March via a review of the League Advertising Policy. Here is a summary of the points he made to me during our conversation.

1. He said the issue "is not dead" and that he was not satisfied with the outcome to date. He said he thought "you guys are doing as good a job as anyone else out there". He told me that the League got a lot of flack from "red-necks", both letters and phone calls after the ad broke. Unfortunately, he said, "the shopkeepers (League President Price & Co.) were away" at the time at an IARU meeting, so the ad was pulled to calm the storm. However, he said, in his mind the ad is appropriate as long as it promotes amateur radio only. He draws a line between promoting amateur radio and promoting anything else, be it gay rights, religion, etc. The former is appropriate for QST, the latter are not. He was extremely impressed with Bob Laycock's (KA8UHL) letter [see April's Lambda Net News]

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and called it "terrific" several times, but said it should have hammered harder at the issue of promoting amateur radio.

2. George explained that he found out about the controversy when Bob's letter came up before the Executive Committee in March 1986. He went back and looked up the ad at that time. He said that the Executive Committee was looking for a way out of the crisis which would upset the least amount of people (ie. put out the fire). Thus, they reaffirmed their advertising policy.

3. In light of his candor and my determination (while he might not be actively on our side, he did not seem to be against us either), so I decided to ask his advice on how to proceed on our relationship with the League. I assured him that we were still interested in a good relationship with the ARRL. He said to "let it cool" for a few months and then have Bob write to David Sumner (K1ZZ, QST's publisher) direct, and emphasize in his letter the "promoting ham radio" argument for the appropriateness of our ad in QST. He also said he would feel more comfortable if we used Lambda Club rather than Lambda Net. I'm not completely sure why ... I guess the word "net" conjures up visions of on-the-air hanky-panky or something, whereas "club" does not. I think using "club" is fine as long as the ad get in.

So again, it pays to shake a hand and insist on being treated like a human being. It's sometimes surprising that you do get respect when you insist upon it, and people can be brought around, especially when they have to deal with you as a person and not a stereotype. This man's response was honest, informative, helpful, and while not all-out positive, it was encouraging. It's a start and proof that a little personal diplomacy, a handshake, a cordial letter, etc. can work.

The Lambda Amateur Radio Club is indebted to Bob Laycock (KA8UHL) for his continuing efforts with the ARRL. He got the attention of some very important people with his fine letter, and you can too! ☐

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MINUTES of LAMBDA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Compiled by Irv Goodman (AF2K, Webster, NY) and Jim Kelly (KK3K, Philadelphia, PA)

Held at Room 142, Ramada Inn North, 4079 Little York Road, Dayton, OH 45414 on Saturday, April 26, 1986

The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm by Jim Kelly (KK3K) who welcomed the group to the Hamvention. Members and guests in attendance were:

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| Irv Goodman | AF2K | Webster, NY |
| Jim Kelly | KK3K | Philadelphia, PA |
| Mark Wilcox | KA3OPD | Rockville, MD |
| Duane Durst | K4UW | Sterling, VA |
| Tom Hendrix | KI4ZN | Clemmons, NC |
| Gordon Turner | WB5OYL | Little Rock, AR |
| Don Bledsoe | WB6LYI | Long Beach, CA |
| Dave | WD8IKB | |
| Bill Wolfe | KA8TZX | Youngstown, OH |
| Howard Wyman | W9BVD | Alexandria, VA |
| Dale Clark | WA0CFQ | Wellsville, KS |
| Hershel | WA0MBC | |
| Dick Ramey | "Official Net Bartender" | |

Jim Kelly distributed copies of the Club's Financial Statement and proposed that a Net Constitution and By-Laws be adopted. He discussed the financial statement, current bank account balance, recent expenditures, and projected expenditures. Jim mentioned that without Don Bledsoe's efforts in publishing the newsletter thus far without any expense to the Club, the bank account balance would be much smaller. Jim talked of the excellent response of the membership to the dues mailing with 47 members responding, and that 15 members indicated they would be interested in helping run the affairs of the Club. He then discussed the need for the Club to institute a Constitution and By-Laws and to elect Officers. This would give a formal structure and legitimacy to the Club and those charged with conducting its affairs. A general discussion followed on such topics as club legitimacy, establishment of club officers, and other subjects outlined in the proposed Constitution and By-Laws.

Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI) pointed out the importance of disseminating all business meeting information to the rest of the membership and that the proposed Constitution and By-Laws be copied to the entire membership for comment and revision.

A motion was made by Don Bledsoe that Jim Kelly become Acting President of the Club until such time as officers were elected. The motion was seconded by Howard Wyman and passed unanimously. Jim Kelly accepted and thanked the group for the vote of confidence.

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MINUTES OF MEETING

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Don Bledsoe solicited comments regarding the layout, appearance, and content of the Lambda Net News. He strongly urged the membership to submit articles for publication and pointed out that articles about personal experiences and activities would be of interest to other members.

Jim Kelly reported that there were approximately 35 responses from the classified ad that appeared in the November 1985 issue of QST and that 8 new members had joined the Club as a result. In addition, 12 new members resulted from the approximately 35 responses to our ad in the Advocate newspaper over the past year. Some discussion followed regarding the renewal of the Advocate ad for the coming year. Howard Wyman made a motion to renew the Advocate ad for another year, seconded by Dale Clark and passed unanimously.

Dale Clark (WA0CFQ) mentioned obtaining addresses of foreign publications for possible Club advertising.

Howard Wyman (W9BVD) offered to prepare an article on gay amateur radio for submission to the Advocate newspaper. Don Bledsoe agreed to review and edit the article prior to submission.

Don Bledsoe opened a discussion about publication discounts, in conjunction with Ham Radio Publishing Group, which would involve the Lambda Amateur Radio Club in book selling or merchandising on a commission basis. Some discussion followed and it was decided not to pursue the offer at this time, but possibly at a later date.

Jim Kelly reported on his brief meeting with Wayne Green (W2NSD/1), publisher of 73 Magazine, earlier in the day at the Hamvention. Mr. Green agreed without hesitation or reservation to accept advertising from the Club and was extremely friendly and cordial to the Club members who met with him, including Howard Wyman, Mark Wilcox, and Dale Clark.

Jim Kelly mentioned the correspondence originated by Bob Laycock (KA8UHL) on behalf of the Lambda Amateur Radio Club that was sent to the ARRL after the cancellation of the Club's classified ad after only one month of publication. (See minutes of ARRL Executive Committee Meeting of March 22, 1986; May 1986 QST, page 74, paragraph 12.) A question was asked regarding exactly how the screening procedure worked, so he explained the procedure in detail. He described how legitimacy is determined and how the correspondence is handled. The group

learned that the procedure involves a triple check including call sign verification, a required second response from each respondent, and the judgement elimination of anyone who is even slightly suspicious in the interest of protecting of the Club. He told everyone that no information is provided anyone until he is completely satisfied that the person is legitimate. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the disadvantages of advertising in gay and/or hobby-related publications. Hershel (WA0MBC) pointed out that many potential members may not have access to gay materials and the only way they could learn about the Club would be through an ad in a ham radio magazine. The general feeling was that for *some* gay people, ham radio publications may be our only way of reaching them and that we should run occasional or limited ads in non-gay publications.

A discussion of Net Schedules took place and a revised schedule that reflects changes in the National and East Coast Schedules will be published in the Lambda Net News. Generally, the changes reflect changes in times due to daylight saving time. It was decided to keep local CW and SSB nets at the same local time (change UTC times), the Sunday 20 meter National Net would be at the same UTC time (change the local time), and the Sunday evening 75 meter National Net would be kept at the same local time (change the UTC time). [These changes are included in this issue. - Ed]

Irv Goodman (AF2K) suggested that any expenses incurred by Jim Kelly in making duplicates of the group photos taken at the Hamvention for the others in attendance by borne by the Club treasury. The general consensus was that each person desiring a photo would pay for his own.

Don Bledsoe spoke about possible sponsorship of a high school radio club. He talked about his agreement with Wayne Green that one way to increase the number of amateurs (and future high technology professionals) in the United States is through sponsorship (by existing amateur radio clubs) of *new* junior and senior high school radio clubs. Kids today are fascinated by technology and many are in need of "Elmers" to get them started. Don also mentioned that there is a gay high school in New York City that could be considered as an appropriate candidate for sponsorship by the Lambda Amateur Radio Club. Discussion followed and the general feeling was that this was an excellent idea. Hershel (WA0MBC) offered to donate equipment (a 301/401 combo) if we were successful. This endeavor will be further investigated and reported to the membership.

**EARN THE NICKNAME OF "ELMER" ...
HELP SOMEONE GET THEIR START IN
AMATEUR RADIO TODAY !!!**

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MINUTES OF MEETING

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Bill Wolfe (KA8TZX) introduced the subject of the cost of motel room rates. It was agreed that the cost of all rooms would be averaged together and divided equally for those staying at the Days Inn and Ramada Inn. Howard Wyman (W9BVD) said he would attempt to reserve six rooms for the group at the Days Inn North for Hamvention weekend in 1987.

Howard Wyman did a great job of getting the rooms for the group this year and agreed to accept the job again to secure the rooms for the club at the 1987 Dayton Hamvention.

Jim Kelly offered the Club's books for inspection to the members.

All members present gave their callsigns out loud for the record.

A motion for adjournment was carried unanimously at 7:36pm. ☐

LAMBDA NET FINANCIAL STATEMENT

April 20, 1986

Assets: \$544.65 Liabilities: \$0

1. The Club's checking account is maintained with Commerce Bank/Pennsylvania N.A., 19th & Market Street, Philadelphia, PA.
2. The Club's account number is available on request from Jim Kelly (KK3K).
3. The account type is regular checking with no service or check charges and initial checks were provided at no cost.
4. The person authorized to sign checks for the Club is James L. Kelly.
5. The current balance as of April 20, 1986 is \$544.65.
6. Assets and current balance represents 1986 dues payments and other contributions by 47 members less expenditures incurred since October 1, 1985.
7. Expenditures since October 1, 1985:
 - 11-01-85: New check charges of \$24.60 (this account was later closed)
 - 12-11-85: Post Office Box rental charge of \$22.00
8. The Club is very grateful to Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI), who has managed to publish a superior newsletter, roster, etc. since August 1985 at no expense to the Club. Our current balance would be much, much less without his efforts.
9. Of the 47 members who responded to the question on the dues response card regarding their interest in helping run the Club's Official Business, 15 members indicated that they would be interested and the balance indicated either that they would not be interested or did not indicate either way.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES L. KELLY
Acting Treasurer ☐

ED COUTURE (WA1VEC) "ROUGHS IT"

By Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI, Long Beach, CA)

With a group as diverse as the members of the Lambda Amateur Radio Club, I am constantly amused at just how diverse we are. Ed Couture is an Independent Insurance Adjuster in Fall River, which is about 15 miles from his home in Rehoboth, MA. His office staff includes two administrators, one full-time appraiser and several part-time appraisers. He reports that winters are extremely busy due to fender benders caused by the ice and snow. Fortunately, in the spring things slow down a bit and he gets to catch his breath and enjoy evenings.

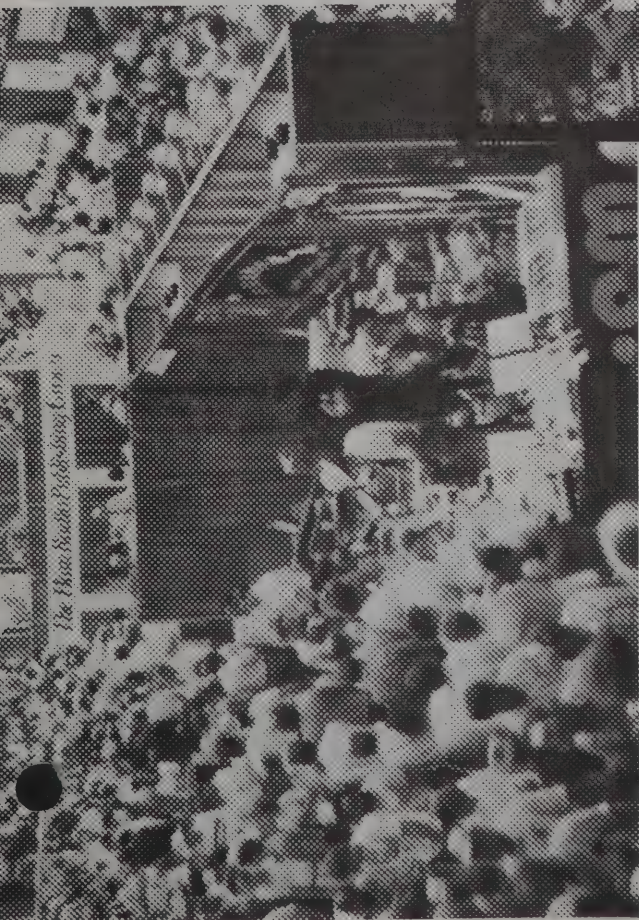
What really caught my attention about Ed is that he lives in a small log cabin of four rooms, surrounded by woods on six acres. Ed's a sturdy fellow six feet tall and aged 47 years. He has shared his life for the past six years with Phil. Ed says that he and Phil must have some kind of record, in that they've never argued in all that time. Phil is a very young-looking 36 (he *still* gets carded at the bars), graduated from SMU and taught school for awhile, but now works for a bank in New Bedford. Phil's unique pasttime is roller skating. We're not talking the kind that we might do on a sunny afternoon purely for fun, but the near-professional kind. It keeps them out on the road somewhat with local and national competitions to attend. Ed says that when he attended his first national competition, he thought he was in a gay bar as about 70% of the "boys" are gay.

In spite of the fact that they live in a log cabin, they are but 15 minutes out of Providence, RI and about one hour from Boston. Their favorite city, however, is Montreal. They try to make the eight hour drive at least once each year, through the beautiful mountains of Vermont and New Hampshire.

Both Ed and Phil are avid sports fans (Ed laments about his "poor Patriots"), follow football and basketball, and attend games when possible. They also enjoy musicals and get to the theatre as often as their schedules permit.

Ed's station consists of the following: Kenwood TS-430, almost homebrew amplifier putting out 500 watts, Yaesu FRG-7700 all-band receiver, Classic 36 tri-bander up 50 feet, inverted vee for 75 meters, HAL ST-500 TU for RTTY, Heath scope, Johnson Match box, IBM-PC (256K and 20MB hard disk), Epson RX80 printer, 1 dog (Muffin), and 3 cats.

It's always nice to learn a little about other net members, but to think that Ed is "roughing it" with all of his toys in a log cabin in the woods ... well, some people just have it tough (hi hi). ☐



Manufacturer booths were swamped!

The "Gang" 👉



The Prize Booth must have been the most watched.

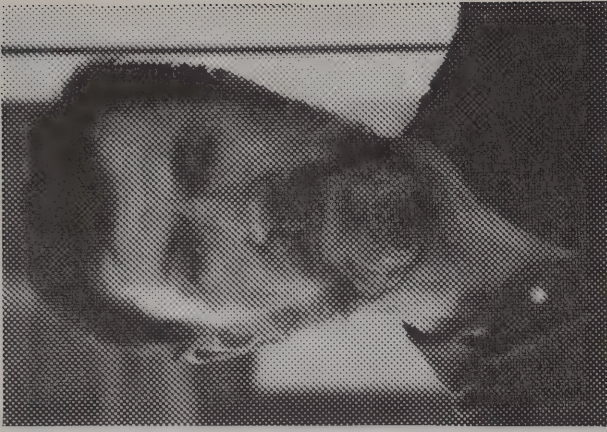


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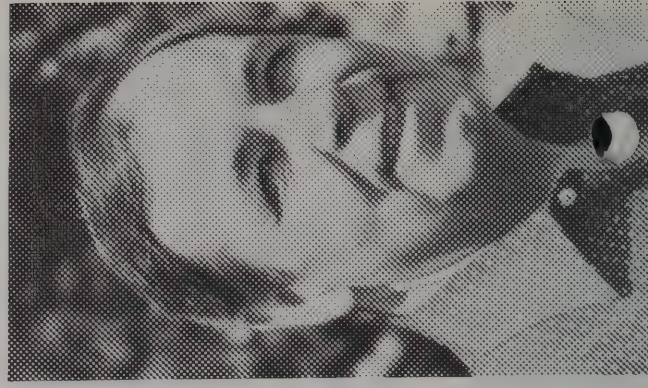
Jim Kelly, KK3K

Bill Wolfe, KA8TZ



Howard Wyman, W9BVD

Tom Hendrix, KI4ZN



Dave, WD8IKB



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Here's this month's "Birthday Boys"! Please join us in wishing them all a very . . .

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!

| | | | |
|-----------------|------|--------|------------------|
| John Jearos | 5- ? | WA6FHI | Littlerock, CA |
| Mark Wilcox | 5-1 | KA3OPD | Rockville, MD |
| Dan Callahan | 5-3 | W8MTD | Vienna, OH |
| Jerry Jessee | 5-10 | KB6KUC | Nipomo, CA |
| Don Bledsoe | 5-20 | WB6LYI | Long Beach, CA |
| Nick Altenbernd | 5-22 | KA1MQX | Boston, MA |
| Dick LaBelle | 5-28 | K0WOC | Winter Haven, FL |

PHOTO PAGES

By Don Bledsoe, WB6LYI

On the preceeding pages, I have tried to capture some of the fun and excitement of the Hamvention, and to share with you a look at the "gang" in attendance.

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Clockwise from top left:

The manufacturer's booths were mobbed the entire three days. Sometimes it was *real work* to get someone's attention to ask a question. The interest by other hams in the newest developments was incredibly high.

The "flea market" was also very busy. There were seemingly endless aisles of "ye olde goodies" to browse over.

The Prize Booth was a center of never-ending activity as hamventioners checked and re-checked the monitors for winning ticket numbers. An amazing array of prizes were donated by many of the participating companies.

And here they are ... the greatest group of Dayton Hamvention attendees to be seen anywhere. *Back row, from left:* Tom Hendrix (KI4ZN), Dave (WD8IKB), Bill Wolfe (KA8TZX), Duane Durst (K4UW), Jim Kelly (KK3K), Gordon (WB5OYL), Dale Clark (WA0CFQ), Howard Wyman (W9BVD). *Front row, from left:* Hershel (WA0MBC), Irv Goodman (AF2K), Mark

Wilcox (KA3OPD), Don Bledsoe (WB6LYI).

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Clockwise from top left:

Jim Kelly, KK3K

Hara Arena is the usual site of the "gathering" and parking was scarce, indeed! Those who rode the air conditioned shuttle buses seemed to get the better deal. With the weather so hot and the feet so tired after a long day of serious shopping, it was a real pleasure to find a seat on the bus.

Howard Wyman, W9BVD

Tom Hendrix, KI4ZN

Dave, WD8IKB

Bill Wolfe, KA8TZX

And in the center, another picture of the "gang" commemorating the biggest Dayton Hamvention yet. Estimates on attendance ran between 27-30,000 hams on hand!

We all look forward to getting together again next year in Dayton ... start planning right now!

SEE
YOU AT
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'87

**LAMBDA AMATEUR RADIO
CLUB NEWSLETTER**

Post Office Box 24810
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***SPECIAL
DAYTON
HAMVENTION
ISSUE***

LAMBDA NET NEWS

Edited by Don Bledsoe, WB6LYI

April 1986

DAYTON HAMVENTION ATTENDEES

The following are the scheduled attendees at this year's Dayton Hamvention:

| | | | |
|--------------|--------|--------------|----|
| Don Bledsoe | WB6LYI | Long Beach | CA |
| Dale Clark | WA0CFQ | Wellsville | KS |
| Duane Durst | K4UW | Sterling | VA |
| Irv Goodman | AF2K | Webster | NY |
| Tom Hendrix | KI4ZN | Clemmons | NC |
| Jim Kelly | KK3K | Philadelphia | PA |
| Mark Wilcox | KA3OPD | Rockville | MD |
| Bill Wolfe | KA8TZX | Youngstown | OH |
| Howard Wyman | W9BVD | Alexandria | VA |

If you are able to make last minute arrangements and can attend, please let Jim Kelly know immediately so we may assist you.

SEE YOU THERE !

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Here's this month's "Birthday Boys"! Please join us in wishing them all a very . . .

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!

| | | | |
|-----------------|------|-------|------------------|
| Brian Gollum | ? | KY3Z | York, PA |
| Dick Sullivan | ? | KB0YZ | Des Moines, IA |
| Daniel Lagerman | 4/12 | K9TWE | Glendale, WI |
| Joe Greenberg | 4/22 | K2BIG | New Rochelle, NY |

AROUND THE NET

By Jim Kelly, KK3K, Philadelphia, PA

Bill Wolfe (KA8TZX, Youngstown, OH) reports that he finally heard an 80 meter net on March 23, but that he has yet to hear the gang on 20 meters. Bill also sings in the choir of Norman Gothic styled St. Johns Episcopal Church in Youngstown. He'll be looking forward to meeting the gang in attendance at the Dayton Hamvention and is planning to upgrade in May. Good Luck, Bill!

Bob Sterman (KB4KIL, Atlanta, GA) writes that he has recently moved lock, stock and QTH to Atlanta to take a new position. Bob works as the Systems Analyst (maybe soon the Director of Data Processing) with a firm in the wholesale distribution of picture frames, frame components, and related equipment to frame shops in some 35 states and expanding nationwide. Bob is up to his ears in work at home too, what with the move and just moving into a new home. He is busy trying to get his antenna re-strung and will be back on HF soon.

Charles Reavis (K9PVS, San Antonio, TX) passes along a few lines about himself recently. At the moment, he is off the air and waiting for the sunspots to improve and/or a QTH where he will not be confined to an indoor antenna. He recently

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LAMBDA NET SCHEDULES

NATIONAL SCHEDULES

| | | | | | |
|-----|--------|----------|----------|----------|---------------------|
| SSB | Sunday | 1900 UTC | 1400 EST | 1100 PST | 14.320 - 14.325 MHz |
| SSB | Sunday | 0300 UTC | 2200 EST | 1900 PST | 3.850 - 3.855 MHz |

EASTERN SCHEDULES

| | | | | | |
|------|----------|----------|----------|-----------------|-----------|
| SSB | Thursday | 2330 UTC | 1830 EST | 1530 PST | 3.780 MHz |
| | | | | Alternate freq. | 7.210 MHz |
| CW | Sunday | 1600 UTC | 1100 EST | 0800 PST | 7.099 MHz |
| RTTY | Thursday | 0100 UTC | 2000 EST | 1700 PST | 3.630 MHz |

WESTERN SCHEDULES

No regular West Coast schedule is currently established. Any ideas or suggestions?

(All schedules are + or - QRM)

LAMBDA NET vs QST

Here is the continuing story of the Lambda Net and QST magazine from the beginning.

Letter from Jim Kelly (KK3K) to Sandy Gerli, QST Deputy Advertising Manager on 11-26-85:

Dear Sandy:

I was disappointed to receive your letter of 20 November with enclosed refund checks, informing me that it would be necessary for you to decline further advertising for our club. Your initial acceptance of the ad was encouraging and was interpreted as an enlightened response. We had hoped to reach many potential club members via the QST ads, and, in fact, responses to the November ad have been numerous and gratifying.

Our club currently has in excess of 60 members nationwide and in Canada. Our club exists for the following purposes: friendship, mutual support, outreach to other Gay Hams, public service, and the promotion of the Amateur Radio Service. Club activities consist of on-the-air nets which are friendly rag chews and are always conducted in the best of taste and decorum and without any reference to our common bond, written correspondence between the membership, and related activities such as reunions at hamfests and hospitality to visiting members. We encourage operation on different bands using different modes and we currently have skeds for CW, SSB and RTTY. One of the accomplishments of the club last year was our role in helping an unlicensed individual who responded to one of our ads in a Gay publication become a license Ham. Unfortunately, we had two members become Silent Keys this year.

My purpose in writing you is to respectfully inquire as to the reason why you have decided to decline further advertising for our club. I also wish to thank you for your consideration thus far and for running the ad in the November issue.

Sincerely yours,

James L. Kelly, KK3K

Letter from Lee Aurick (W1SE), Advertising Manager, QST to Jim Kelly on 2-3-86:

Mr. Kelly:

We believe that Mr. Gerli's letter of November 20, together with the refund check, was sufficient advice that your advertising is not acceptable in QST. This will be the final communication on this matter.

The League, as publisher of QST, reserves the right to decline or discontinue any advertising for reasons satisfactory to itself.

Sincerely,

Lee Aurick, W1SE

Letter from Jim Kelly to David Sumner, Publisher of QST on 2-14-86:

Dear Sir:

Our club, the Lambda Net, placed an ad in the Clubs/Hamfests classified section in the November 1985 issue of QST. The ad was designed to bring our club to the attention of

interested individuals and potential members. The ad was successful, and we have since added several new members to our roster. However, we were informed in late November that QST would decline any further advertising from our club. No explanation was given, and our requests for information regarding this decision were not answered, with the exception of a recent letter from Mr. Aurick, W1SE, stating that our advertising was "unacceptable".

The Lambda Net is a legitimate service oriented organization interested in promoting amateur radio (please see our statement of purpose attached). At a time when all of us in ham radio are conscious of the need to recruit and encourage new and younger members, it is unwise for the ARRL and QST to discriminate against members of a minority whose organization shares with you an important common goal, namely, the preservation and growth of the amateur radio service.

In the spirit of fellowship that is characteristic of radio amateurs everywhere, we ask you to reconsider your decision.

Very truly yours,

James L. Kelly, KK3K

cc: Larry E. Price, W4RA, President, ARRL
Christopher D. Imlay, N3AKD, Counsel, ARRL

LAMBDA NET STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Lambda Net is a service oriented club for gay and lesbian hams with members nationwide and in Canada. The club exists for the purposes of Friendship, Support, Outreach, Public Service, and the promotion of the Amateur Radio Service. The club has been in existence for about six years and it encourages active participation in amateur radio via on-air nets and skeds utilizing a variety of operating modes. Club members adhere to the highest operating standards, and our nets and QSOs are conducted with all appropriate decorum. The club actively encourages non-licensed individuals to enter the Amateur Radio Service, and, in this connection we provide information and assistance to interested individuals including referrals to the ARRL and local radio clubs.

Letter from Robert Laycock (KA8UHL, Cleveland, OH) to Larry E. Price, W4RA, President, ARRL on 2-14-86:

Dear Mr. Price:

This letter is in regards to the decision by the editors of QST to discontinue the enclosed ad for the Lambda Ham Radio Net, after running it in the November 1985 issue.

To my knowledge, no reasonable explanation has been offered for the decision to discontinue the ad. In a February 3rd letter to James Kelly (KK3K) of the Lambda Ham Radio Net, QST Advertising Manager Lee Aurick (W1SE) stated that the League could make such a decision for "reasons satisfactory to itself". And, it seems to be no coincidence that the QST editors conveniently added a new Ham-Ads disclaimer in December stating, "The League reserves the right to decline or discontinue advertising for any reason."

I am deeply disappointed that the American Radio Relay League has placed itself in the position of consciously and deliberately discriminating against a legitimate and bonafide minority. There can be no explanation for the League's decision except a capitulation to society's popular prejudices and bigotry against gay people. These prejudices are based not upon scientific

fact or informed reasoning, but rather upon myth, misinformation and false stereotypes.

The League should have no reason to oppose the Lambda Net or its ad. The ad was appropriately written and was not indecent or suggestive. The net itself operates with proper decorum and adheres to good operating practices consistent with League norms and the FCC Rules. The Lambda Net operations and roundtables are like those of any other legitimate net. There is no improper language, graphic personal conversations, malicious interference or any other conduct to which the FCC, the amateur community or the League would rightfully object.

The Lambda Net simply seeks to provide an opportunity for a segment of the amateur community, which possesses a common life experience and heritage, to meet and enjoy together their shared interest in electronics and amateur radio communications.

Would, or does, the League oppose the organization of clubs or nets among amateur radio operators based upon other shared characteristics or interests? Would, or does, the League oppose organizations of: Women hams? Black hams? Hispanic or Asian hams? Handicapped hams? Hams who are social workers, or artists or astronauts? Hams who belong to Mensa (the national organization of people with high IQs)? Hams in the military? Hams who are also interested in astronomy, photography, sports or stamp collecting? I think the answer is obvious — of course, not.

Amateur radio is a hobby that, among other things, seeks the "Continuation and extension of the amateur's unique ability to enhance international goodwill" [FCC Rules, Section 97.1(e)]. I find it unfortunate and ironic that this hobby seeks to increase understanding among the people of all nations — "One World, One Language" as the ARRL bumpersticker says — and yet casts aside gay hams within the United States as untouchables.

Today, a growing number of municipalities, cities, states, universities, small businesses and national corporations are adopting policies and laws forbidding discrimination against gays and lesbians. They realize that gays can not be condemned as a group, but rather are individuals like everyone else. Gays have strengths and weaknesses, virtues and failings. Gays are young and old, tall and short, rich and poor, intelligent and slow, hard working and lazy, honest and dishonest, good and bad. Again, just like everyone else.

And, certain gay individuals are acknowledged to have contributed to the very best of human culture and society. For instance, the sculpture or painting you enjoy at a museum or the symphony at the concert hall may have been created by a gay person, such as Michelangelo.

In summary, it is my sincere hope that the editors of QST will reverse their decision to discontinue publishing the Lambda Net ad, and that the ARRL will not make anti-gay discrimination and bigotry a League policy. Discrimination against gay people is a serious matter. It's contrary to the best interests of both amateur radio, and the cause of human rights and justice.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this appeal. I look forward to hearing from you with positive action on this issue.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Laycock, KA8UHL

cc: David Sumner, K1ZZ, Executive Vice-President, ARRL
Paul L. Rinaldo, W4RI, Editor, QST
E. Laird Campbell, W1CUT, Managing Editor, QST
Lee Aurick, W1SE, Advertising Manager, QST
Sandy Gerli, AC1Y, Deputy Advertising Manager, QST
James L. Kelly, KK3K, Lambda Ham Radio Net
National Gay Task Force

Ad ran in the November, 1985, Ham-Ads section of QST Magazine:

"LAMBDA NET" club for gay hams with members nationwide and Canada. On-air skeds and newsletter. For info write Jim, KK3K, POB 24810, Phila., PA 19130

Letter to Robert Laycock from Larry E. Price, W4RA, President, ARRL on 2-20-86:

Dear Robert:

This is in reply to your letter of February 14th.

You raise a number of interesting issues.

I will certainly look into the matter and will make sure that your views are known to our Executive Committee.

Sincerely,

Larry E. Price, W4RA
President

AROUND THE NET

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acquired a Kenwood R-2000 receiver (the Kenwood R-600 was stolen last December) and VC-10 VHF Converter. He DXs the 162 MHz National Weather Service and admits he is completely addicted to the BBC World Service on shortwave. Charles is the manager of a record store and collects classical Compact Discs. He's lived most of his life in Indiana and was a high school teacher there before moving to Texas. He taught German and reads several other languages, but confesses that the German has gotten a bit rusty from lack of use, so if anybody wants to: Deutsch sprechen mit mir, bitte sprechen Sie ziemlich langsam und aeusserst klar. He is also interested in history, science fiction and philosophy. He would like to hear from any Lambda members who share any of his interests. Members are also welcome to drop a line or give him a landline if visiting San Antonio, which is a great place to vacation. While not nearly as wild as Dallas or Houston, he reports that their C&W bars "have to be experienced to be believed. I guess we always knew that cowboy clothes are nothing more than macho drag!" Gud dx es 73 es 88.

Tom Hendrix (KI4ZN, Clemmons, NC) writes recently to say he now has a 50 foot crankup tower and XT beam and has resigned himself to retiring the ol' Mosley MP33 that helped him to earn his DXCC. The foundation is in for the new tower and as soon as warmer weather arrives he plans to erect the tower and assemble and install the beam. He uses an isopole 2 meter antenna that he plans to install above the new beam. The rotator is a Ham-IV. In the future, Tom wants to get involved in packet radio. Tom is looking forward to meeting the "gang" in attendance at Dayton later this month!

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

By Dale Clark, WA0CFQ, Wellsville, KS

My trip began in the wee hours of Saturday, December 21st with the usual long bus ride to Wichita to catch my flight. It was a very chilly 7 degrees when I left Wichita bound for Phoenix for my next connecting flight. Stepping into the terminal ready to endure my two hour layover, I immediately noticed that the climate was quite different from Kansas upon seeing a gorgeous blonde hunk walking around in only a pair of jogging shorts and Nike shoes. With the likes of these, it made the wait worthwhile! I looked forward to my trip to Oakland, CA to spend Christmas with my mother and brother.

After Christmas, I met Brian (KY3Z, formerly KB6KYY) who was out visiting from York, PA. Brian and I visited Quement Electronics and Dick Smith Electronics in the bay area. We also sampled some of the night spots around San Jose.

On Sunday, December 29th, I went into San Francisco to meet Bill (K9AT) and Larry (WB9LOZ) in the Castro district. Following brunch we went back to their shack for a demonstration of packet radio. This was my first "live" experience with packet operation. The bay area has many packet repeaters on 2 meters and is quite an active mode there. Afterwards, I went to a "jock strap" contest at one of the bars in San Francisco. It was quite a sight to see eight handsome young hunks wearing only jock straps. An "M.C." asked some questions and then they danced. A memorable day!

On New Year's Eve, I went to a party with my brother and flew home on New Year's Day. It was a real nice trip and I'm looking forward to the Dayton Hamvention in April!

SEE
YOU
IN
DAYTON

HAM RADIO HISTORY

By Joe White, K0CNV
(From Worldradio, April 1986)

4 Billion B.C.: Earth is a swirling ball of flaming gases. Propagation is extremely poor.

1 Billion B.C.: First dry land appears. It is divided up into squares. County Hunters Club formed.

500 Million B.C.: Second patch of dry land appears. First DXpedition. Credit disallowed because of questionable licensing arrangement.

400 Million B.C.: Flowering plants and grasses evolve. Telerex invents first beam antenna but sales are slow because of lack of suitable structures.

300 Million B.C.: First tree appears. It is immediately cut down, stripped of branches, placed in a concrete base and named a telephone pole. Telerex sells first beam.

200 Million B.C.: Second beam sold by Telerex. Installer falls from top of pole. First safety belt sold.

100 Million B.C.: First mountain appears. Repeaters invented.

50 Million B.C.: It is decided by WARC that "seek you" is too cumbersome to send on CW. So abbreviation "CQ" is adopted.

4 Million B.C.: Humans replace swine as dominant species. The name "Ham Operator" hangs on, however.

3 Million B.C.: Dugout canoe invented. Martime Mobile Net formed on 14.313 MHz.

2 Million B.C. to 800 A.D.: Nothing much happens for a long time.

900 A.D.: Chinese invent gunpowder. WY1AA is first "Big Gun" DXer.

1790 A.D.: Ben Franklin invents long wire receiving antenna. Ground switch invented.

1961 A.D.: Second repeater erected. First repeater group refuses to change frequency. First frequency coordinator appointed.

1986 A.D.: Amateur Radio Humor sinks to new low.

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new member to the Lambda Net:

Paul Plakosh WA3DGI San Francisco, CA

FOR SALE

YAESU FT-101, 160-10 meters. Good first rig. Only \$300 and includes Heath SWR/Wattmeter. Call Wayne, WA6FXL, at 415-239-7466.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR THE UNITED STATES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

(Courtesy of the Lee DeForest Amateur Radio Club, Hemet, CA
and Worldradio, April 1986)

1. Do you run high power? (Yes) (No)
2. If above is yes, are the high voltage connectors exposed? (Yes) (No)
3. If answer to #2 is NO, would you consider modifying to a more hazardous and/or lethal condition? (Yes) (No)
4. If #3 is NO, would you at least consider removing all grounds? (Yes) (No)
5. What is the approximate distance to the nearest high tension lines? (Yes) (No)
6. If #5 is less than 240 feet, would you consider putting up a 160 meter 3 element beam? (Yes) (No)
7. If #5 is more than 240 feet, give the approximate distance in wavelengths, so we may submit alternate longwire proposals for your approval.
8. Is your transmitter of such vintage that it requires keying the B+ to the final? (Yes) (No) [A YES answer here greatly speeds up the application process.]
9. If #8 is YES, do you often operate barefoot on a concrete floor? (Yes) (No)
10. Do you climb your tower during high winds? (Yes) (No) If answer is YES, do you dispense with safety belt? (Yes) (No) And do you leave the 2KW amplifier on during these repairs? (Yes) (No)
11. Would you consider putting a 24 hour code practice remote on 147.435 with the ID every 2 minutes giving the name and address? (Yes) (No)
12. And could the uplink be located on the 27 MHz CB Band? (Yes) (No)
13. Do you foster the habit of logging in the mobile, and sending CW at the same time? (Yes) (No)
14. If the above is YES, do you frequently follow with your eyes on young girls/boys viewable to your left rear? (Yes) (No)

So much for your technical habits, now some more personal matters which will be held strictly confidential, and stored on the bulletin board during the regular monthly meeting of the club.

1. Do you pick up terminal diseases frequently? (Yes) (No)
2. If above is YES, how many have you had?
3. Do you place your mouth wash next to the

crystal etching solution? (Yes) (No) And do you frequently gargle in a dark bathroom? (Yes) (No)

4. Do you tune up your own car in a closed garage with the engine running? (Yes) (No)
5. Is your home located on a fault line, or adjacent to a practice bombing area, or at the end of a runway of an airport for student pilots? (Yes) (No)

Please date and sign. (It would be interesting to know if your life insurance has been cancelled recently for other than non-payment of premium.)

LAMBDA NET NEWS GETS A NEW LOOK

Don Bledsoe, WB6LYI, Editor

As I'm sure you have noticed, this issue of the Lambda Net News has a substantially different look from the prior editions you have received. It's all due to **another** computer. The computer count at my house is now four! The newest addition comes as a benefit of my employer: an Apple Macintosh Plus with extra 800K disk drive and page-layout software "PageMaker". The output is done at the office on the Mac and LaserWriter laser printer that I have there to use.

Basically, the assembly process for each issue goes like this: various articles are written and stored on the disk and final review and editing is done. If the article has pictures that accompany it, additional time is required to send the photos to Irv in Webster, NY to be converted into half-tones so you can see them when they are reproduced. Next, the articles are roughly prioritized for importance or interest to you, the reader. Then the actual electronic layout process begins. The "PageMaker" software on the Macintosh can pick up the various articles can combine them and graphics together on the same page. So far, I've managed to get boxes and the like down OK. The final results are printed in a matter of about 5 minutes on the Apple LaserWriter at my office. After that, it's merely a matter of getting the 80 or so copies run off, stapled, labeled and mailed to you.

That's a simple version of the creative process that is involved in getting the NEWS to you. However, there is one aspect in which you are all needed: **YOU SUPPLY THE SUBJECT MATTER FOR THE ARTICLES.** All of the other members enjoy reading about each of us. More and more of you are starting to send information of great interest to us all -- **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AND KEEP THOSE CARDS AND LETTERS COMING!**

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L A M B D A N E T N E W S

March 1986

WHY ADVERTISE FOR MEMBERS IN QST?

An Editorial by Jim Kelly, KK3K, Philadelphia, PA

I have received a good bit of feedback from the membership regarding the advertisement that ran in the November 1985 issue of QST for our club. Most of the feedback has taken the form of questions regarding why the ARRL decided to discontinue our ad. However, some members have expressed their opinion that the club should not advertise in QST, or in any non-gay publication. As is the case in just about every issue, there are different viewpoints involved with this issue, and I think all members who care to should make their feelings known.

My decision to place an ad for our club in QST was not made either in haste or without due consideration of the potential consequences, both positive and negative. From a logistics standpoint, I had to first devise a thorough screening procedure to weed out phony responses. This was done and, to date, my procedure has worked. I had to consider the possibility that The League would simply refuse to run our ad, and what I would do in that event. (Actually, I was quite surprised when I received the acknowledgement from the ARRL stating that they would run the ad.) Most importantly, I had to weigh the adverse potential consequences of running the ad versus the potential positive results. From a purely personal standpoint, I also had to consider my own position since it would be necessary to identify myself via my callsign in the ad, so I can assure everyone that the decision was not made lightly!

Why advertise for members in QST? Anyone who sets out, as I have done, to run an organization such as our club will set certain goals for the organization. When I started over two years ago to try to build up the club, increasing the membership was a prime goal of mine. I encouraged members to run ads in their local gay publications and I took out an ad in The Advocate for a solid year. By my count, we had about a dozen to a dozen and a half

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LAMBDA NET SCHEDULES

NATIONAL SCHEDULES

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ALL SCHEDULES ARE + or - QRM

. . . AROUND THE NET . . .
Reported by Jim Kelly (KK3K)

On the 0300Z 75m SSB schedule on January 20th, Jim (KK3K) and Duane (K4UW), were enjoying the good copy of Dale (WA0CFQ) when he suddenly and abruptly went off the air! Later, we found out that Dale had discovered that his coax was chewed through by a prairie dog or squirrel. It's bad enough that we have to battle QRM, QRN and poor propagation, but now we have to deal with Kansas Kritters as well!

On the 1900Z 20m SSB schedule of January 26th, the Net had two separate QSOs going on simultaneously. On 14.323 Dale (WA0CFQ), Jim (KK3K) and Brian (KY3Z) were in QSO. On 14.329 Wayne (WA6FXL), Irv (AF2K) and Vic (KD2HE) were in QSO. Jim gave a landline to Wayne and hopped back and forth between the QSOs but we were unable to get the two groups together. You can't say we're not utilizing the band!

Congratulations to Brian (KY3Z -- formerly WB6KYY/3) on his upgrade to Extra Class and his fancy new 2xl call.

Nick (KALMQX in Boston, MA) spent most of Sunday, February 1st repairing a hole in his plumbing that was self-inflicted while setting up his new operating position. Then he worked on aligning his equipment in preparation for checking in to the 0300Z SSB net ... but all he heard at net time was County Hunters on 3.865 and a lot of noise! Oh well, Nick ... try, try again!

Dusty (KL7ZMI in Coos Bay, OR) works in commercial fishing and trucking and had an HF rig in his truck up until a few months ago when he sold it. Things were just getting too crowded in his cab! Now that he has joined our club, he will probably look for another HF rig so he can join in on the nets. Dusty has volunteered to help in whatever way he can with the net on the west coast.

Kelly (KA5MGL in State University, AR) is looking for a new position. He saw AI9Qs write-up on the broadcast engineer's convention and thought perhaps a "Job Wanted" column would be appropriate for our newsletter as the need warrants. [You bet! We're here to help each other. -Ed] Kelly is a broadcast engineer and his position may be eliminated due to a funding cut by the State of Arkansas. Any of our engineer members who have job suggestions, please write Kelly via his 1986 Callbook address. Kelly also enjoyed the profile of Vic (KD2HE) and would like to see more profiles of members and their stations. [We welcome any and all items pertaining to our members. What may seem routine or trivial to you may be highly interesting or entertaining to others. -Ed] Kelly is also looking for technical assistance on a trapless, multiband half-wave dipole using 5-conductor flat rotor wire for the antenna. However, he is not fanning out the dipoles and the inter-conductor capacitance is changing the resonance considerably. If any of our members can help, write Kelly at his 1986 Callbook address.

Wayne (WA6FXL in San Francisco, CA) met on February 9th with Bill (K9AT), Larry (KA9LOZ) and Kit (WB6QVU) about setting up a 2 meter simplex frequency (maybe 220 or 440 MHz later) for a local edition of the Lambda Net plus having monthly "eyeball" socials or potluck dinners at different members' homes. Bill and Larry say they know of other hams who would be interested. [By this time perhaps the first such meeting will have taken place. Do it! -Ed]

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: FOR SALE :
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YAESU FT-101, 160-10 meters. Good first rig. Only \$300 and includes Heath SWR/Wattmeter. Call Wayne (WA6FXL) at 415-239-7466.

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WHY ADVERTISE FOR MEMBERS IN QST?

active members when I started to work on the membership project; we now have over sixty! So, both The Advocate and local ads have worked. However, even with the coverage in The Advocate and the local ads, it is apparent that we are not hitting some large segments of the ham population where we could have many potential members. Of particular interest to me were the potential members in areas like the mid-west, deep south, where perhaps The Advocate is not read or available. I wanted to reach hams who were not free to explore the gay scene, those still deep in the closet; our Brothers none the less. I wanted to reach the young hams, teenagers aware perhaps of their sexuality but not free to express it -- we were all there at one time. I wanted to reach potential women members, and, in fact, I recently received a letter from a lesbian inquiring about our club! I hope that you can see that I had valid reasons for running the ad in QST. It was not done to stir up trouble for the club or club members, or to antagonize the ARRL, or anyone else. The QST ad has been successful, with over thirty responses and seven new members obtained so far. And, for better or worse, the ARRL and the readership of QST now know that, yes, Virginia, there are Gays out there, Gay Hams!

When I came out seven years ago, I made a series of decisions which were designed to allow me to lead an openly gay life. These decisions involved family, friends, my career, and they were difficult decisions to make and carry out. I realize that very few of us are able to do as I have done, and I have a great deal of respect for those who must continue to live without the freedoms I now enjoy. It is for this reason that I feel that those of us who are openly gay have a responsibility to do what we can to improve the social climate for our fellow gays in whatever way we can. In this connection, I was willing to run the ad in QST using my callsign (a callsign is required in all ads). I do not expect anyone else in the club to go public as I have done, and, in fact, preserving the confidentiality of the entire membership is and must remain a top priority with whomever is conducting the club's affairs.

The ARRL has declined to run any further advertizing for our club. They will not say why; I have written twice only to receive a nasty little reply telling us our advertising is "unacceptable". I was not surprised. Nor was I particularly brokenhearted. I am young, our club is young, and we will be around for a long time to come. Perhaps through gentle persuasion and goodwill on our part, the ARRL will change their minds at some point in the future. Write a letter if you are so inclined, or shake a hand at a hamfest at the ARRL booth and let them know you are a Lambda Net member, if you are so inclined, or just stay in the club and stay interested and support those of us who can afford to "frontline" it. But, above all, don't take the heat if you happen to hear some bigots talking about us; remember, they are the sick ones, not us. Things are changing and time is on our side!

DAYTON HAMVENTION COMING SOON

The 1986 Dayton Hamvention is only a month away! As many members as possible are planning a get-together during the event. Don't be left out! Thanks to Howard Wyman (W9BVD), motel reservations for our group have been confirmed at the Days Inn North, 7470 Miller Lane, Dayton, OH 45414 (6.5 mi north of Dayton at Little York Rd, Exit #60 off I-75). We have four rooms reserved for two nights: Friday & Saturday, April 25-26th, 1986. If you want to stay with our group, please call Howard Wyman (703-683-5944) IMMEDIATELY and let him know so additional rooms can be reserved. SEE YOU THERE!

NEW MEMBERS

The number of new members joining the Lambda Net continues to grow:

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| Dan Callaghan | W8MTD | Vienna, OH |
| Christopher Kent | WA9WWG | Ramsey, NJ |
| Dusty Dawson | KL7ZMI | Coos Bay, OR |
| Kelly Boswell | KA5MGL | State University, AR |

WELCOME ONE AND ALL!

HERE'S THE "BIRTHDAY BOYS"

We have some members that have birthdays coming up in March. Please join us in wishing each one a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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| Mark Augustin | ? | KD2PR | Rochester, NY |
| George Fisher | ? | KC0KM | Minneapolis, MN |
| LeRoy Lawhorn | 3/4 | W4VIW | Greenville, SC |
| Tom Hendrix | 3/7 | KI4ZN | Clemmons, NC |
| Wayne Busby | 3/22 | WA6FXL | San Francisco, CA |

NOTES FROM SUNNY 4-LAND

By Irv Goodman, AF2K, Webster, NY

When cabin fever and the mid-winter blahs set in, there's no better cure than a temporary escape to the tropics. Soaking up the Vitamin D at poolside or taking a refreshing dip in the North Atlantic sure beats scraping windshields and fighting snow-covered highways. So, I left the depressing gray skies and bone-chilling winds of upstate New York for 12 days in south Florida in early February.

"Base of operations" was Delray Beach (my Mom is there for over three months) about mid-way between West Palm and Fort Lauderdale, an ideal location. Really lucked out with the weather this year ... much sunshine and low to mid 80's for the duration with the exception of some cooler stuff and a brief heavy downpour the morning we got to Busch Gardens. That was during a 3-day side trip to the Gulf Coast. Never saw a drop of precipitation on the east coast. "Did" Busch Gardens thoroughly and even took the brewery tour, followed by a stop at the Hospitality Building for the freebies. (You can't get your Michelob any fresher than that! And perfect temperature, too!)

The Miami Hamfest ("Tropical Jamboree") was impressive. It's their 26th year and it's obvious they're patterning it after Dayton. Quite a show! It's a pleasure to attend a hamfest wearing shorts and a T-shirt for a change. Sunny and 84 degrees but, unfortunately, everything (including their huge flea market areas) was all indoors. No outdoor activity whatsoever. Surprisingly, I bumped into a whole flock of hometowners -- at least 11 other Rochesterians ("snowbirds" if you will) were also there.

I took time to visit some old friends at various locations on both coasts. Of course, all of them knew that I would be stopping by at some time or other, but it's a great convenience to be able to chat with them briefly on an autopatch to "warn" them of your impending arrival minutes before knocking on their door. I suppose most of "us" take this privilege for granted, not stopping to realize that we are 1 in 440,000 or so who can utilize that

method. Found most hams in south Florida extremely courteous and helpful and all repeaters "user-friendly".

One of my vacation highlights was a visit to the QTH of KA4LNA in central Fort Lauderdale. Spent a couple of hours visiting with Gus and also his better half, Tyrone, who is not licensed -- yet (his dad is C6AB0) but is more into computers. Gus certainly does have a mighty busy schedule with college, church work in the community, and the job. It's no wonder he has little time for local social activities, and is seldom home for most of the Lambda Net schedules. It was a pleasure to meet them both and to be able to share with them the many photographs from past Dayton Hamventions and also some of the 6-land members from several years ago.

Well, I'm back to the same old grind again but with many fond memories as I slowly lose my suntan and resume shoveling snow! See you at Dayton in April. Cheers!

A "BEHIND THE SCENES" LOOK
By Don Bledsoe, WB6LYI, Long Beach, CA

It takes a little logistic effort to assemble each issue of the NEWS for all of you and I truly enjoy doing it. You may have noticed that it doesn't always come as often as you would like ... it doesn't get out as often as I would like, either! Things have been a little hectic ...

Recently, a computer failure caused all of the data I keep stored about each member to disappear in less than a blink of an eye. So a new system was set up on my old computer using new database management software. Then I found that I could not get it to easily do what I wanted. Producing reports and labels are among the most commonly needed services we require. Things became more difficult and it took more and more time to try and get what we needed out of the computer. So ...

Since I work in the field of selling computers, I arranged to have one at home for "educational purposes". Now, our information is kept using a Zenith Data Systems Z-200 (IBM "AT" compatible) computer with data management software from Borland International, called "Reflex". The reports you will see as the membership roster took only an hour or so to complete, from start to finish. This new software gives me the ability to learn more about our group and to quickly answer "what if" types of questions, like: "How many of each license class do we have in our club"? Not vital information, but it would be interesting to know ... and in just 11 minutes the new system printed a report showing that we have the following mix in our club:

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| Extra Class | 16 | Advanced Class | 18 |
| General Class | 20 | Technician Class | 11 |
| Novice Class | 5 | Pending | 1 |
| Not Applicable (Foreign) | 1 | | |

PREVIEWS OF COMING ATTRACTIONS

In the next issue of the NEWS, I will recap the history to date of our back and forth correspondence with the ARRL. It's interesting reading!

You will very soon receive a new membership roster which is as current as modern technology can make it!

The latest information about the Dayton Hamvention for anyone who may be thinking about attending. It's going to be quite a gathering this year!

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L A M B D A N E T N E W S

January - February 1986

H A P P Y A N N I V E R S A R Y LAMBDA NET EMBARKS ON SIXTH YEAR OF SERVICE

Believe it or not, January marks the sixth year of fellowship and service by our group. We have much to be proud of: the courage of the founding members to even try and form such group with virtually nothing to work with except their common interest ... ham radio and their desire to communicate common values among each other. Today, we are still moving forward to do just that. We have a more concerned and dedicated membership, more net check-ins than ever with the worse conditions in recent years, and our membership continues to grow. Thank you for your concern, dedication, and participation!

NEW SSB SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

The historic Sunday SSB schedules have been changed! Many of you have asked to have the schedule changed to accommodate families, personal activities, etc. The group on the east coast have been trying out this schedule for the past few weeks and report that conditions seem better on 75 meters than 20 meters and with much less QRM and QRN. Please make a note and we'll be seeing you there!

LAMBDA NET TO HONOR ITS SILENT KEYS

In future issues of the Lambda Net Membership Roster, we will honor the memory of our silent keys by continuing to include them in our member listing. Both Roland Lupient (KB9RR) and Ken Anderson (N7AD) were among the original members of the net. We think it appropriate that they not be forgotten.

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QST AD RESPONSES STILL COMING IN!

Jim Kelly (KK3K) reports that 27 responses have been received due to the ad for new members in the November issue of QST. The ad has pulled inquiries that we would not have otherwise have received, so it has been very productive for us. As you are aware, QST has declined to accept any further advertising from our club. Jim has written them requesting a specific reason why they decided to take this course of action, but so far no response has been received.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS ANNUAL CONVENTION COMING UP
An Invitation from Wayne Schuler (AI9Q)

The annual National Association of Broadcasters Convention will be held this year April 12-16, 1986 in Dallas, Texas. Any Lambda News readers wishing complimentary exhibit passes should contact me at the address below. I'll try to accommodate a reasonable number of requests. Generally a group of gay Broadcast Engineers try to get together for a small evening banquet. Details will be made available as the convention deadline approaches. Write to:

C. Wayne Schuler (AI9Q), Box 9900 - Suite 103, Vancouver, WA 08668

"WE'RE IN THE MONEY ... "

Our first dues/subscription campaign is continuing to be a success! Your contribution helps us all. Remember: no one will be denied a subscription to the NEWS due to any financial difficulty. Your generosity has already enabled us to donate subscriptions to others. However, we do need for you to return the subscription card so that we know we have your correct address and have accounted for all of you.

VIC CARNUCCIO HAS SUCCESSFUL SHOW IN HOUSTON

As we reported in our last issue, Vic (KD2HE) had an exhibition of photographs at the Toni Jones Gallery in Houston and we hear that the show was a great success. Congratulations, Vic!

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. . . AROUND THE NET . . .
Reported by Jim Kelly (KK3K)

Gus (KA4LNA) has been a regular during the CW Net meeting each week. Good to have active representation from Florida!

Packet interest seems to be running higher and higher. Everyone is encouraged to express their interest in packet activity and work toward establishing schedules for QSO's. It is expected there will be more and more interest in this activity. Keep us informed of your work with packet.

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| Chuck Edmonson | KA1MIA | Novice | New London, CT |
| Bob Laycock | KA8UHL | Technician | Cleveland, OH |
| Dick Sullivan | KBOYZ | Advanced | Des Moines, IA |
| Dave Lennox | W8UJR | | Tucson, AZ |
| William Wolfe | KA8TZX | | Youngstown, OH |
| Robert Nocolai | WOEKM | Advanced | St. Louis, MO |
| John Cartwright | N8ABD | General | Springfield, OH |
| George Fisher | KCOKM | Advanced | Minneapolis, MN |

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| January: | Irv Goodman | AF2K | Webster, NY |
| | Robert Hunter | NG2P | Rochester, NY |
| | Jim Smith | K3ATI | Newportville, PA |
| | Jim Kelly | KK3K | Philadelphia, PA |
| | Gordon Turner | WB5OYL | Little Rock, AR |
| | Larry Kenney | WB9LOZ | San Francisco, CA |
| February: | Kenneth Noll | WB5JAR | Sherwood, AR |
| | Lyle Henry | K7OO | Hollywood, CA |
| | Wayne Schuler | AI9Q | Vancouver, WA |

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L A M B D A N E T N E W S

December 1985

A LITTLE EDITORIAL By Don Bledsoe, Editor

As this year comes to close, I would like to pause a moment to thank all of you for your contributions and suggestions and your continuing support of the LAMBDA NET NEWS. It has been quite a project for me, and I wish I had more time to devote toward it. You have all been extremely encouraging and complimentary about our newsletter and it is my wish to make it better in the months ahead. For me, I just wanted to thank you all and to wish each of you:

MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
HAPPY NEW YEAR

KEN ANDERSON (N7AD) BECOMES SILENT KEY

It has been learned that our only member from the state of Montana, Ken Anderson (N7AD), passed away last July. He was a long standing regular on the SSB schedules and his absence from the Net had been noted when the news came.

NET SCHEDULE CHANGES

Please note that schedules for the Sunday SSB get-together have been changed! It is expected that propagation will be better during the revised periods so that more check-ins will be more likely to hear other stations.

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VIC CARNUCCIO EXHIBITION OPENS IN HOUSTON

An exhibition of photographs by our own Vic Carnuccio (KD2HE) opened at the Toni Jones Gallery in Houston, Texas on December 6th and a reception was held for the artist opening night by the gallery. The exhibition, titled "From Peru" is scheduled to run through January 8, 1986. We all wish him the best success with the exhibition!

AIDS INFORMATION AND NATIONAL HOTLINE

If you are in need of information about AIDS, here are a couple of sources:

National AIDS Hotline 800-447-AIDS

Computerized AIDS Information Network
Russ Toth, Director
1213 N. Highland Avenue
Hollywood, CA 90038
213-464-7400 ext. 277

EXCELLENT RESPONSE TO QST AD

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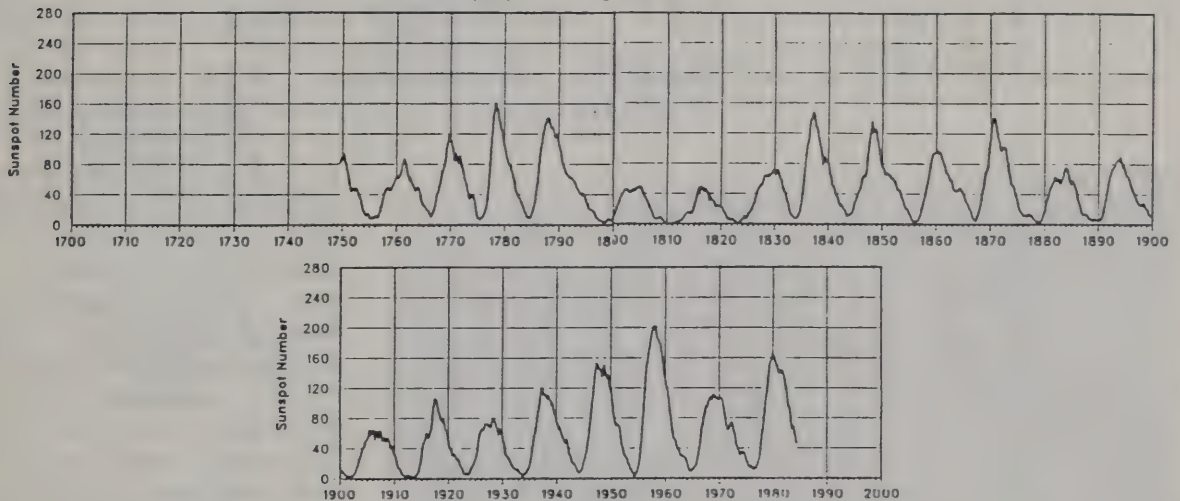
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PROPAGATION AND SUNSPOT FORECAST

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Although it really isn't a "change," except for the worst, the sunspot number continues to decrease monthly, which means the end may be near, but not yet. We are nearing the bottom of the cycle, but often the bottom is hard to tell until you are a bit beyond it. A good in-house guess is somewhere between June 1987 and the spring of 1988. Consider the following sunspot data as shown by the National Geophysical Data Center (thanks to KH6BZF):

SMOOTHED MONTHLY SUNSPOT NUMBERS
July 1749 - June 1984



The present Cycle 21 started up in June 1976 and reached a peak 41 months later in December 1979. The running average for 12 months at the peak was 164.5. The charts do not show it in detail, but the curve flattens when it is nearing the bottom, and the current cycle appears to be flattening. What these charts can show, though, is that when the new cycle starts, it goes up fast and DX action will pick up accordingly. So hang in there ... great days for DX are coming in the not too distant future!

"ON THE ROAD AGAIN . . . "

Word comes that Dale Clark (WA0CFQ) of Wellsville, Kansas has hit the road again! This time he's off to San Francisco during the Christmas Holidays. We'll be looking forward to hearing about his trip as he's planning to meet several members on the west coast.

QST CHANGES MIND ... AGAIN

Well, it seems as though QST has decided that our ad for members is more than they can cope with, since they've chosen to not continue to run the ad. Jim Kelly (KK3K) has written and asked for a reason for the termination of the ad (none was given). No reply as yet ... "film at eleven."

Vector Conjecture

[illegible]

MEMBER PROFILE: VIC CARNUCCIO - KD2HE

By Rich Upton (KA2VBF)

(This story was sent some time ago, but there has not been space to print it until now. My apologies for not being able to run it sooner. DB)

Vic, KD2HE (ex WB2MOQ, WB2MOQ/OA4, K2KTT/PJ7), has been active on all HF bands over the past year and a half after being QRT for 15 years. He is also active on 440 MHz FM. He operated portable OA4 from Lima, Peru for seven months last year and placed second in the CW WPX Contest from there as WB2MOQ/OA4, where he operated from the QTH of 20 year old Ram, OA4AXK. After returning to the states, Vic travelled to Saint Maarten to operate in the CQ WW CW Contest in November 1984 as K2KTT/PJ7, followed by a vacation to Mexico. He placed first from PJ7 despite frequent runs to the beaches and bars on the French side. He racked up over a thousand QSO's and found the best multpliers on 40 meters.

Vic's roommate, K2VBF, promises to get on the air soon as his code speed picks up and quieter band conditions prevail this fall.

Currently Vic, a photographer, is working on an exhibition of his photographs to be shown in Houston, Texas this Fall. He can be worked on Sunday mornings on the CW net as well as on 75 meter SSB on Thursday evenings almost weekly. The warmer weather has been an excellent time for antenna adjusting, so Vic has been spending weekend afternoons making antenna improvements atop a six story building in Lower Manhattan. His antennas include a 160 meter dipole, 75 meter inverted vee, a Butternut vertical with 46 radials, and a three element beam for 20 meters.



Part of the KD2HE antenna farm in New York City; the Butternut vertical being the most visible in this photograph.

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L A M B D A N E T N E W S

November 1985

(Editor's Note: We have had several requests for stories about some of the members' activities, travels, etc. The following stories were received recently.)

SUMMER TRAVELS

By Jim Kelly (KK3K)

This year, Dan and I decided to take a two week guided tour of Scandanavia, so we signed up for an American Express tour which took us to Sweden, Norway, and Denmark during the last two weeks of June. We arrived in Stockholm after the usual overnight flight and immediately began to enjoy this pretty city situated on a network of waterways. Our tour included the finest hotels and the Grand Hotel in Stockholm was perhaps the finest hotel on the tour and was within walking distance of many fine attractions in Stockholm. We took the city tour and did some exploring on our own. We did attend the opera, but our two day stay here was too short to really appreciate the city, and we had no time to investigate the gay scene here. Next, we took a six hour train ride across Sweden to Oslo, Norway. Oslo is a quaint European town with typical tourist and shopping attractions. Here we found the most advanced gay scene; Norway was the first European country to legalize homosexuality. Several years ago, the government lent the gay social organization the money to open a community center with restaurant, bar, and disco. I had the opportunity to visit this complex, called the Metropol, and found it nice but not as spectacular as the glittery discos in the U.S. (Continued on Page 3)

DALE CLARK TOURS THE EAST

By Dale Clark (WA0CFQ) with contributions by Jim Kelly (KK3K)

My trip began on early Saturday morning, August 10th, with a long bus ride to the Wichita Airport to board my flight to St. Louis. I almost missed my connecting flight to Philadelphia because we sat on the runway at the Lambert- (Continued on Page 4)

LAMBDA NET SCHEDULES

NATIONAL SCHEDULES

2:00pm EST - 11:00pm PST

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|-----|--------|----------|----------------------------|------------|
| SSB | Sunday | 1900 UTC | (3:00pm EDT - 12:00pm PDT) | 14.325 MHz |
| SSB | Sunday | 2300 UTC | (7:00pm EDT - 4:00pm PDT) | 14.325 MHz |

PLEASE NOTE *CHANGE IN ABOVE SCHEDULE!*
6:00pm EST - 3:00pm PST

EASTERN SCHEDULES

WESTERN SCHEDULES

SSB Thu 6:30pm EDT 3.780

EST
alt. freq. 7.210

CW Sun 11:00am EDT *EST* 7.099

RTTY Thu 8:00pm EDT *EST* 3.630

Successful regular schedule
not yet established. Any
ideas or suggestions?

ALL SCHEDULES ARE + or - QRM

LAMBDA NET GROWS

As with any club or group, there comes a time when the membership grows to the point that a small amount of organization becomes necessary. It seems that we are rapidly approaching that point! Like any group, we have a small overhead, including placing ads and publishing the NEWS. You have suggested that a dues schedule be established to help defray these costs. As the editor of the NEWS, I feel responsible to all of you that you will get what you pay for, and more. This means having a direction and controlling expenses, among many other things. I have had a number of discussions with Jim Kelly (KK3K) about these needs:

CLUB BANK ACCOUNT. We now have a checking account to deposit contributions and checks for payment of dues, etc. Jim Kelly set up the account as a non-profit organization with Fidelity Bank, Philadelphia, PA. All checks for donations or dues should be made payable to "Lambda Net" and sent to our post office box in Philadelphia.

CLUB BY-LAWS. From Jim Kelly: As the group grows we need to begin thinking about a set of By-laws or the like, and an election of Officers for a term during which they would be responsible for the Club and authorized to make decisions in the interest of the membership regarding how best to manage the organization. I would like to see an election early next year, perhaps we could request a by-laws proposal and nominees for Officers in the next newsletter. At minimum, we need a President and Treasurer who should be two different people. Perhaps a Board of Trustees to consist of an elected President, Treasurer, and two volunteers to approve group expenditures, policy, and membership matters.

NOMINATIONS. If you have ever wanted to do something, but didn't know what you could do to make a valuable contribution to a club, this is your chance of a lifetime! It makes no difference what class of license you have or how long you've been a ham. All it takes is your desire to improve our association and to make our activities meaningful to the membership. The amount of time required is minimal, but very important to all of us. If you would like to help, let Jim Kelly (KK3K) know, and we'll place your name in nomination.

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| : For new member inquiries write: | AMATEUR RADIO GROUP INFORMATION : |
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| : Send letters, suggestions, or any | LAMBDA NET : |
| : comments of general interest to: | Attn: Jim Kelly : |
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| : Make donations or dues payable to: | LAMBDA NET : |
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| : at: P.O. Box 24810, Philadelphia, PA 19130 | : |
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| : Send your idea, story suggestion, | LAMBDA NET NEWS : |
| : photographs, question, recent | c/o Don Bledsoe : |
| : experiences, or comments about the | 341 Winslow Avenue : |
| : LAMBDA NET NEWS to: | Long Beach, CA 90814 : |
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SUBSCRIPTION DUES TO START JANUARY 1986

Since 80% of the membership is in favor of establishing a dues structure for our organization, we will start such a program in January 1986. Don't send checks just yet (I can't believe I said that!). Those of you who recently sent in contributions will be contacted about applying a portion of those contributions toward your subscription. If you cannot afford to pay for all of your subscription, we'll help. No one will be denied their copy of the LAMBDA NET NEWS because of hardship, unemployment, illness, etc. The annual subscription dues for the LAMBDA NET (including the NEWS) will be \$10. You will be sent a subscription reminder to keep things simple. Of course, any donation in addition to the regular subscription dues is greatly appreciated!

SUMMER TRAVELS

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The people were not real friendly and I knew to expect this thanks to the Spartacus International Gay Travel Guide. Still, it was fun to see the gay scene here first hand. We saw the first glimpses of the really handsome Norwegians ... some blonde, some brunette, and all very, very attractive! The food was plentiful throughout Scandanavia and full breakfasts were provided. Meals included the popular specialties: cheeses and sausages for breakfast along with salmon and other fish. Also, the Scandanavian "open face sandwich" of prawns (shrimp) or ham for lunch. Dinners might include such local favorites as reindeer or whale meat steaks. Unfortunately, we found this area to be expensive and we were thankful that our tour included the hotel charges and most meals. Rooms went for a minimum of \$80 and upwards per night and food was also quite high. From Oslo we went by bus through the beautiful scenery in the mountains of Norway and by boat through the great fjords. The young guys skiing in their bikinis high in the mountains of Norway were also beautiful! Our stay in Norway ended in the port city of Bergen. We then left for Denmark and enjoyed several days there, ending up in Copenhagen. It's a very busy city highlighted by the Tivoli Gardens amusement park, a sort of miniature Disneyland in the heart of the city. We took a side trip to Hamburg, Germany and found this to be a city well worthwhile visiting and very beautiful. The best scenery was in the mountains and fjords of Norway, the most handsome men were the Norwegians, and the nicest cities were Stockholm, Bergen, and Hamburg. Perhaps someday we'll go back!

MAKING THE GRADE

Make a note! Mark Wilcox of Rockville, MD just recently completed the first milestone in his amateur radio career by passing his Novice exam on September 7th. He has been assigned the call KA3OPD. Look for him on the Novice bands along with a good number of our old timers. Some of the east coast regulars are working a schedule with Mark to help him get his code speed up so he can quickly go on to pass the General class exam. Congratulations, Mark!

NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome the following new LAMBDA NET member:

Brian L. Gollum, WB6KYY
1795-D Yorktown Drive
York, PA 17404-2261
717-764-1962

Brian just recently moved east from California. We'll all be looking forward to meeting you on the air. Welcome aboard!

LAMBDA NET AD IN ROCHESTER, NY

Irv Goodman (AF2K) placed a routine classified ad in "The Empty Closet", a publication of the Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley, in Rochester, N.Y. As you can see, they decided we deserved something a little extra special. This display ad was substituted at no extra charge in place of the classified ad Irv ordered. This local publication has a circulation of 3,500 and contains a hefty 24 pages. Our many thanks to "The Empty Closet" for the helping hand!

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DALE CLARK TOURS THE EAST

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Jim (KK3K) Kelly's ham shack when I visited.

St. Louis Airport for 25 minutes. That airport is a screwy mess! In spite of everything, I landed in Philadelphia where Jim (KK3K) was waiting for me. Jim and his roommate, Dan, took me out on the town. The next day, Sunday, we all went to Atlantic City, NJ for a day on the gay beach there. The weather was sunny and warm and we had a great time. We also stopped at New Hope, PA a popular gay attraction north of Philadelphia. The next few days were spent sightseeing around Philadelphia, including a visit to Independence

Hall and Betsy Ross' house. Next, I boarded the Amtrak train for Washington D.C. It was the first train trip since I was seven years old! When I arrived in Washington, Howard (W9BVD) and his roommate were there to meet me at the

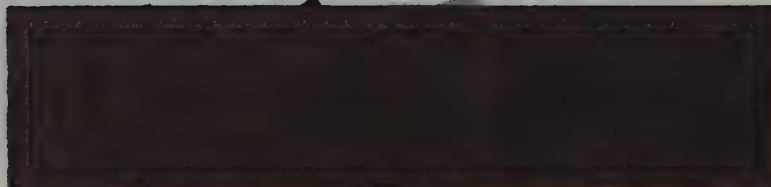
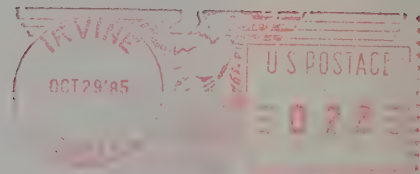
train station. I spent the next several days touring the Washington area. I especially enjoyed the Smithsonian Museums and spent a good deal of time there. I also visited the White House, Capitol Building, and National Archives. I happened by the Russian Embassy and saw their giant log periodic antenna on the roof and noted that it was only three blocks from the White House! I was able to visit a couple of go-go bars and the "D.C. Eagle", a famous bar in the Capitol. On Saturday, August 17th, I went to Solomon Island, MD with Howard and Bob and Jim and Dan to sail aboard Howard's sailboat around Cheseapeake Bay. What a day! On Sunday, Duane (K4UW) joined us for brunch at the famous gay steakhouse, "Annie's Paramount". After Washington, I boarded the Amtrak again for the trip to New York City. Train travel is pretty nice and noticed that we traveled through a very dirty, slum area of Baltimore where I saw two satellite dishes atop a run-down tenement. I guess satellite TV is everywhere! I arrived in New York City in the evening. Vic (KD2HE) was waiting for me at Penn Station. The next few days were busy visiting the U.N. Building, Times Square, and even rode the Staten Island Ferry past the Statue of Liberty (it is closed due to renovation). Unfortunately, I was under the weather a bit while in New York and had to spend a few days in bed. On Friday, August 23rd, Jim and Howard came up on the train and we all went out to the "Gaiety Theatre" for a rousing good time! On Saturday, Vic, Howard, Jim and I had a real nice dinner at an Italian restaurant in the famous "Little Italy" section of lower Manhattan. Next, we went to an off-Broadway play about AIDS called "The Normal Heart", written by Larry Kramer (also the author of the book, "Faggots") and starred Joel Grey. Finally, on Sunday the 25th, I started the long journey home. I rode the subway and bus to La Guardia Airport and caught my flight to St. Louis. Luckily, the connection there went better than the first time and I made all my connections. I fell into bed without even unpacking. What a trip!



Howard (W9BVD) at the "controls". Jim (KK3K) and Dan in Atlantic City, NJ.

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: BUY - SELL - TRADE - SWAP :
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FOR SALE: Nye "Master Key" straight key. New \$30, sell \$15. Includes shipping. Don Bledsoe, WB6LYI.

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L A M B D A N E T N E W S

September - October 1985

FANTASTIC RESPONSE TO QUESTIONNAIRE

The response has been nearly overwhelming! Over 62% of the membership have already returned their questionnaires. I want to thank each and every one of you for taking the time to sit down and talk about yourselves. The occupations of our membership is as varied as could be imagined ...

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| 5 | Electrical/electronic engineer or technician |
| 3 | Sales manager |
| 3 | Television/broadcast technician |
| 1 | Accountant/psychoanalyst |
| 1 | Aircraft electronics assembler |
| 1 | Artist |
| 1 | Caseworker |
| 1 | Chemical research technician |
| 1 | Librarian |
| 1 | Musician |
| 1 | Nurse |
| 1 | Pilot |
| 1 | Printing production planner & art estimator |
| 1 | Radio announcer |
| 1 | Radio technician |
| 1 | Retail manager |
| 1 | Salesman |
| 1 | Telephone company technician |
| 1 | VP of Marketing (for toy company) |

L A M B D A N E T S C H E D U L E S

NATIONAL SCHEDULES

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| SSB | Sun | 1900 UTC | (3:00pm EDT - 12:00pm PDT) | 14.325 |
| SSB | Sun | 0100 UTC | (9:00pm EDT - 6:00pm PDT) | 14.325 |

EASTERN SCHEDULES

WESTERN SCHEDULES

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|------|-----|-------------|-------|--|
| SSB | Thu | 6:30pm EDT | 3.780 | Successful regular schedule
not yet established. Any
ideas or suggestions? |
| | | alt. freq. | 7.210 | |
| CW | Sun | 11:00am EDT | 7.099 | |
| RTTY | Thu | 8:00pm EDT | 3.630 | |

ALL SCHEDULES ARE + or - QRM

RTTY MSO ON EAST COAST

Please note that an RTTY mailbox is operating around 3.630 MHz, which is very near the usual RTTY net frequency.

NEW MEMBERS

We have had a number of new members join our ranks recently. In fact, I received a number of questionnaires from new members and have incomplete information about some of you, and you may be receiving a small form to complete and return so we can get the NEWS to you regularly. Don't forget ... all new memberships are processed through Jim Kelly (KK3K) in Philadelphia. Jim has all of the spare issues of the NEWS and all new member information.

THE UNTIMELY BUT TIMELY LAMBDA NET NEWS

Boy, do I have egg on my face! Last issue I proudly talked about how I was going to get the NEWS out as a monthly newsletter, and here it is nearly the end of September already. So, I combined the September and October issues together for this edition. One reason that I slowed down was due to the incredible response by all of you in getting the questionnaires back to me!

TO COMPUTE OR NOT TO COMPUTE

It was surprising how many of you have computers and the uses you put them to ...

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| 12 | No computer | 11 | Recreation |
| 3 | Commodore 64 | 6 | RTTY - AMTOR - CW |
| 2 | Radio Shack TRS-80C | 4 | Business |
| 1 | Adam | 2 | Home finance |
| 1 | Apple IIe | 1 | SSTV |
| 1 | Atari 800XL | 1 | Study/education |
| 1 | Compaq | | |
| 1 | Franklin Ace 1000 | | |
| 1 | IMSAI 8080 | | |
| 1 | North Star Horizon | 1 | Radio Shack TRS-80 Model I |
| 1 | Radio Shack Model 100 | 1 | Texas Instruments 99/4A |

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| KLDUG | G | Mike Mosbacher
P.O. Box 727, , Burlington, VT, 05402
Computer: The Source? | 802-425-3517 | Member Since: 01-85
CompuServe? | Birth Date: -
Interests: HF, 40 Meter Century Club | Station: |
| KALMQX | A | Nicholas Altenbernd
292 Shawmut Avenue, , Boston, MA, 02769
Computer: C-64 (soon)
The Source? | | Member Since: 01-85
CompuServe? No | Birth Date: 05-22
Interests: | Drake 4C pair
B & W AV-25 |
| KAIVEC | A | Edmond R. Couture
140 Brook Street, , Rehoboth, MA, 02769
Computer: The Source? | | Member Since: 01-85
CompuServe? | Birth Date: -
Interests: | Station: |
| AAIZ | E | Richard M. Filia
1675 Regulus Street, , San Diego, CA, 92111
Computer: TRS-80 | | Member Since: 12-82
CompuServe? | Birth Date: -
Interests: HF, 2m | Station: |
| K2BIG | G | Joe Greenberg
29 Davenport Avenue #5E, , New Rochelle, NY, 10805
Computer: Compaq, Atari 800 | 914-235-0309 | Member Since: 12-82
CompuServe? No | Birth Date: 04-22
Interests: HF & Personal Computers | Collins S-Line
B&W Apt. antenna |
| KAZEGO | G | Rob Magro
138 North 11th Street, , Allentown, A, 18102
Computer: No | 215-433-4244 | Member Since: 04-85
CompuServe? No | Birth Date: 11-27
Interests: HF, CW, Contests, Music, Travel | Ten-Tec Argonaut 509 QRP
Hustler whip on roof |
| WB2FEJ | T | Ted McWharf, Jr.
55 Gale Terrace, , Rochester, NY, 14610
Computer: The Source? | | Member Since: 04-85
CompuServe? | Birth Date: -
Interests: | Station: |
| KD2HE | A | Victor Carnuccio
547 Broadway, , New York, NY, 10012
Computer: No | 212-226-0643 | Member Since: -84
CompuServe? No | Birth Date: 11-25
Interests: HF, CW, Contest DXpeditions | Yaesu FT-One/FT708R/Benchner paddle
20m 3-el monoband+dipoles+verticals |
| AF2K | E | Irv Goodman
515 Drumm Road, , Webster, NY, 14580-1512
Computer: No | 716-671-4430 | Member Since: 11-80
CompuServe? No | Birth Date: 01-22
Interests: HF, 6m, 2m, Contests | Drake R4C/T4XC, Dentron MLA2500 amp.
KLM KT34 4-el triband up 52' |
| WA2KIP | G | Ralph A. Gonzales
668 Shady Lane, , Trenton, NJ, 08618
Computer: The Source? | | Member Since: 01-85
CompuServe? | Birth Date: -
Interests: | Station: |
| AI2O | E | Steven J. Platt
265 Landing Road, , Clarksboro, NJ, 08020
Computer: The Source? | 609-423-3866 | Member Since: 03-85
CompuServe? | Birth Date: -
Interests: | Station: |
| KA2FGM | N | Jerry Reed
P.O. Box 266, , Marcy, NY, 13403
Computer: No | | Member Since: -85
CompuServe? No | Birth Date: 07-29
Interests: | Swan 350C
80-40m trap dipole |
| WB2PRC | G | Bob Christmann
1608 19th Street N.W. #2, , Washington, DC, 20009
Computer: The Source? | | Member Since: 01-85
CompuServe? | Birth Date: -
Interests: HF receiver, 2m | Station: |

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| WB5MEI | G | Verlon D. Love
P.O. Box 35343, Dallas, TX, 75235
Computer: The Source? | Member Since: 01-85
CompuServe? | Birth Date: -
Interests: | Station: |
| K5MWG | A | Al Abrams
504-272-0174
4314 S. Sherwood Forest, Boulevard #175, Baton Rouge, LA, 70816
Computer: Apple II The Source? | Member Since: 11-81
CompuServe? | Birth Date: 08-01
Interests: HF, 2m, Apple II | Station: |
| WA6FXL | G | Wayne Busby
707-274-2566
P.O. Box 1000, Lucerne, CA, 95458-1000
Computer: VIC-20 The Source? | Member Since: 01-80
CompuServe? | Birth Date: 03-22
Interests: HF, 2m, VIC-20 | Station: |
| AA6GA | E | Don Richman
110 Grove Avenue, South San Francisco, CA, 94080
Computer: TI 99/4A The Source? No | Member Since: 01-85
CompuServe? No | Birth Date: 08-23
Interests: HF, CW | Station: Icom 757GX
Dipole up 20 feet |
| WA6GVY | G | Michael J. Berniklau
P.O. Box 26372, Sacramento, CA, 95826
Computer: The Source? | Member Since: 01-85
CompuServe? | Birth Date: -
Interests: 2m, (HF soon) | Station: |
| WA6KLA | T | Neil E. McKie
503-649-4264
P.O. Box 5310, Aloha, OR, 97006
Computer: Definitely not! The Source? No | Member Since: 01-85
CompuServe? No | Birth Date: 09-14
Interests: 2m, Roommate is SWL | Station: Various VHF/UHF You wouldn't believe it if there was room to print it! |
| WB6LYI | G | Don Bledsoe
213-498-1252
341 Winslow Avenue, Long Beach, CA, 90814-3211
Computer: 280 CP/M & C-64 The Source? CLO298 CompuServe? 75166.2506 | Member Since: 05-85
CompuServe? 75166.2506 | Birth Date: 05-20
Interests: HF, 2m, RTTY, AMTOR, Packet | Station: TS-940S, TR-7850, CP-100 TV
Butternut HF6V/HF4B/KLM 13-el(2m) |
| WA6NZZ | G | Dan Duncan
P.O. Box 92943, Pasadena, CA, 91109
Computer: The Source? | Member Since: 01-85
CompuServe? | Birth Date: -
Interests: | Station: |
| K6VE | E | Richard E. Fearn
1228 N. Sycamore Avenue, Hollywood, CA, 90038
Computer: The Source? | Member Since: -
CompuServe? | Birth Date: -
Interests: | Station: |
| N7AD | E | Ken Anderson
406-761-6811
P.O. Box 2926, Great Falls, MT, 59403
Computer: The Source? | Member Since: 01-80
CompuServe? | Birth Date: -
Interests: HF, 2m | Station: |
| WB8ROE | A | Kim J. Koochersperger
3501 Autumn Park Ln #916, Miamisburg, OH, 45342
Computer: The Source? | Member Since: -
CompuServe? | Birth Date: -
Interests: | Station: |
| K9AT | E | Bill Choisser
4145 21st Street, San Francisco, CA, 94114
Computer: IMSAI 8080 The Source? No | Member Since: 01-85
CompuServe? No | Birth Date: 11-22
Interests: | Station: Yaesu FT-101E
40m dipole, 2m 11-el beam |
| W9AUM | A | George E. Slominski
Oakdale Apartments, P.O. Box 11533, Chicago, IL, 60611
Computer: The Source? | Member Since: 01-85
CompuServe? | Birth Date: -
Interests: | Station: |

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| W9BVD | E | Howard Hyman
309 Beverly Drive, , Alexandria, VA, 22305
Computer: Commodore 64 | 703-683-5944 | Member Since: 01-80
CompuServe? No | Birth Date: 10-19
Interests: HF, 2m, C64, RTTY | Station:
Icom 751/730, Heath SB200 linear
Hustler vert. & 80/40/20 dipoles |
| KA9FRX | G | Roger Matice
5445 N. Sheridan Rd #2201, , Chicago, IL, 60640
Computer: No | | Member Since: -
CompuServe? No | Birth Date: 11-17
Interests: | Station:
Kenwood 930/TR-2400
Antec hydraulic whip 80-10m |
| WB9LOZ | T | Larry Kenny
4145 21st Street, , San Francisco, CA, 94114
Computer: IMSAI 8080 | | Member Since: 07-85
CompuServe? No | Birth Date: 01-15
Interests: Teach ham classes with K9AT | Station:
Various: 6m, 2m, 220, 440
Various ant: 6m, 2m, 220, 440 |
| K9PVS/5 | E | Charles S. Reavis
10202 Desert Sands #F-11, , San Antonio, TX, 78216
Computer: No | 512-377-0137 | Member Since: 01-85
CompuServe? No | Birth Date: 10-24
Interests: SWL (QRT since 1981) | Station:
Kenwood R-600 receiver
long wire |
| AI9Q | E | C. Wayne Schuler
516 S.E. Chkalov Dr. #103, Box 9900, Vancouver, WA, 98668
Computer: Apple IIfx | | Member Since: 04-85
CompuServe? No | Birth Date: 02-15
Interests: | Station:
Icom IC-701/IC-25A
TH6DX |
| K9TWE | A | Daniel Lagerman
5329 N. Navajo Avenue, , Glendale, WI, 53217-5036
Computer: | | Member Since: -
CompuServe? | Birth Date: -
Interests: | Station: |
| WA0CFQ | A | Dale Clark
P.O. Box 668, , Wellsville, KS, 66092
Computer: No | 913-883-4090 | Member Since: 01-80
CompuServe? No | Birth Date: 09-16
Interests: HF, 6m, 2m, SSTV | Station:
Kenwood: TS430/TS820/TV506/TR9000
Hy-Gain Triband, Butternut HF2V vert. |
| W0PWS | A | Jim Ziese
3119 Bell Drive, , Boulder, CO, 80301
Computer: | | Member Since: -
CompuServe? | Birth Date: -
Interests: | Station: |
| K0WOC | G | Dick La Belle
245 E. Lake Deer Drive, , Winter Haven, FL, 33880
Computer: NorthStar Hor. | | Member Since: 07-85
CompuServe? No | Birth Date: 05-28
Interests: | Station:
Yaesu FT-980 & FL-2102 linear
3-el beam |
| VE3D00 | ? | Bob Service
The Maildrop Box 163, 55 McCaul Street, Toronto, Ontario, , M5T-2W7
Computer: TRS Model 100 | | Member Since: -
CompuServe? No | Birth Date: 12-03
CANADA
Interests: Icom 751/Yaesu FL2100 linear | Station:
(No mail or telephone to Callbook
address. Please use above address.) |

NEW MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

I was not going to issue another membership roster so soon, but there were so many changes that I was forced to revise the list. Many of you forwarded address changes and updates on your copy of the questionnaire, so I changed the format of the roster in order to save paper and mailing costs. Check your listing for accuracy and completeness, and drop me a note with any changes. Thanks!

SHOULD WE HAVE A SUBSCRIPTION FEE FOR THE NET AND THE NEWS?

Since the single largest expense in bringing the NEWS to you is the postage it takes to send it through the mail, we wanted to know how you felt about having a dues or subscription fee. Here are the results:

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| 15 | Charge \$5-10 annually | 3 | No amount specified |
| 4 | Charge according to cost | 2 | Charge \$15 annually |
| 3 | Charge \$20-25 annually | 1 | Charge \$12 annually |

WHAT DO YOU DO ON THE AIR?

On the front page of the questionnaire was a chart to record your current operating interests and to indicate those things you would like to do in the future. Here are the results by band and activity:

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| 160 meters: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Do now | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Future | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 80 meters: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Do now | 9 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 10 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Future | 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 40 meters: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Do now | 12 | 13 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| Future | 4 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| 20 meters: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Do now | 13 | 10 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 5 | 10 | 2 | 0 |
| Future | 3 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 15 meters: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Do now | 13 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 5 | 8 | 2 | 0 |
| Future | 3 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 10 meters: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Do now | 11 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 3 |
| Future | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

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| 6 meters: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Do now | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Future | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 2 meters: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Do now | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Future | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 70 cm: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Do now | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Future | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

NEWS AROUND THE NET

Duane (K4UW) writes that he has not been very active before our group came along and now he is a regular on the CW, SSB, and RTTY nets. Welcome back Duane! Rob (KA2EGO) reports that he has just graduated from college and is back on the air from Allentown, PA. Congratulation, Rob! Tom (KI4ZN ex W0LXZ) is in preparation for installation of a new tower in Clemmons, SC so we'll soon hear a fine signal from Tom. Keep your ears perked. Nick (KALMQX) just upgraded from Novice to Advanced in one sitting, plus got his 20 wpm certification toward the Extra class license. Atta boy! Dale (WA0CFQ) has made a trip east to visit some members and he will have an article about his travels in an upcoming issue of the NEWS. Jim (KK3K) and Dan had a great vacation this summer in Scandinavia and we'll also have an article in an upcoming issue. Bob (VE3DOO) is the reliable station on our CW net. Listen and work him on 14.065 weekends if he is not on 7.099 holding court! Vic (KD2HE) has been busy building a 20m beam, chasing DX and contesting when not regularly checking into the Sunday net. Jerry (KA2PGM) now has a rig and will be on the air from Central New York, be sure to say hello if you get the chance. Some new members have recently joined us, so welcome them when you have the opportunity ... Richard (K0WOC), Wichita, KS ... Terry (WB4EHD), Nashville, TN ... Tommy (KA3MKC), Oxon Hill, MD ... Mark, in Rockville, MD. Heard Mark just passed his Novice exam. Congratulations, Mark!!!

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| BUY - SELL - TRADE - SWAP |
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FOR SALE: Nye "Master Key" straight key. New \$30. Sell \$15.
 Heathkit HD-15 phone patch. Works fine. New \$60.
 Sell \$20. Includes shipping. Check to Don (WB6LYI).

L A M B D A N E T N E W S

August 1985

WE FINALLY MADE IT!!

I know many of you have been wondering if you were ever going to receive this issue of the LAMBDA NET NEWS. Jim Kelly (KK3K) was getting more and more swamped trying to keep up with the inquiries, act as a clearinghouse of information, put out the NEWS, and ... oh yes ... do a little operating on the side. I offered a helping hand because I have the tools to be able to help and because I believe everyone should offer a certain amount of their time in performance of public service and helping others. I am pleased to be involved in helping to bring the LAMBDA NET NEWS to you.

It is my desire to be able to publish the LAMBDA NET NEWS on a monthly basis. It may mean that you will receive a smaller newsletter, but you will also receive more up-to-the-minute news on subjects of interest to you and fellow members. In order to do this, I need your help. There will be always be a need for articles, sharing of technical information, or just plain stories about your experiences and amateur radio.

NEW MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

In this issue you will also find a current membership roster to use when checking in on the net. I am planning to publish the membership roster along with every issue of the LAMBDA NET NEWS.

LAMBDA NET SCHEDULES

NATIONAL SCHEDULES

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|-----|-----|----------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| SSB | Sun | 1900 UTC | (3:00pm EDT - 12:00pm PDT) | 14.325 |
| SSB | Sun | 0100 UTC | (9:00pm EDT - ~~12:00pm~~ PDT) | <i>bpn</i> 14.325 |

EASTERN SCHEDULES

WESTERN SCHEDULES

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| SSB | Thu | 6:30pm EDT | 3.780 | SSB | Sun | 11:00am PDT | 7.240 |
| | | alt. freq. | 7.210 | | | Successful regular schedule | |
| CW | Sun | 11:00am EDT | 7.099 | | | not yet established. Any | |
| RTTY | Thu | 8:00pm EDT | 3.630 | | | ideas or suggestions? | |

ALL SCHEDULES ARE + or - QRM

W/M/N

PROPAGATION

I understand from Jim Kelly (KK3K) that 15 meters has been open on occasion following the regular Sunday SSB schedule. Let's hope that it happens more often ... 20 meters is s-o-o-o crowded!

WESTERN SCHEDULES

I have attempted to start a regular schedule with Wayne Busby (WA6FXL) but we have been having problems meeting. It seems that there is an established net already meeting on that frequency and QRM has also taken its toll. Anyone with ideas for a better spot on the dial or maybe even 15 meters?

SHARE YOURSELF WITH OTHERS

I have enclosed a questionnaire along with this issue so that you might share with the other members a little information about yourself. Then, when you chat on the air you will be able to "know" that person a little better and will feel more like he is a friend, not just another QSO. Please return it as soon as possible so I can tabulate the results for publication in the next and subsequent issues.

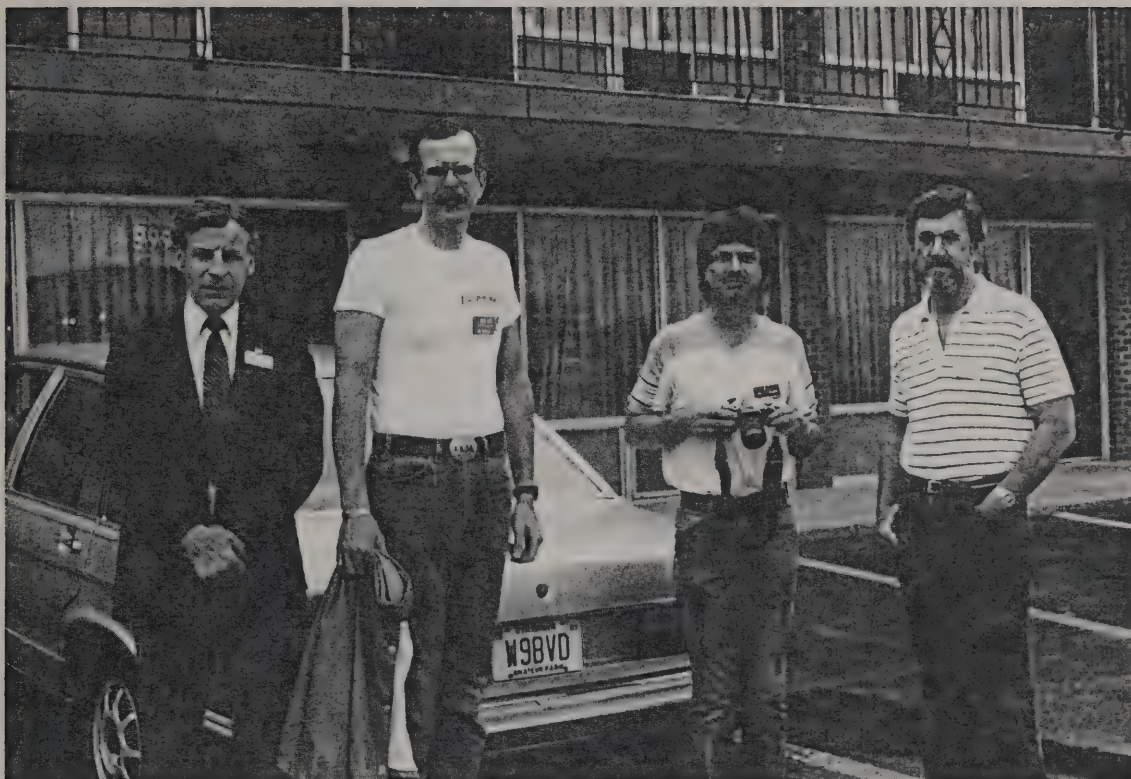
ADS FOR LAMBDA NET ARE INCREASING

Do your part to get the word out! Ads soliciting new members are running in The Philadelphia Gay News by Jim Kelly (KK3K), The Gay Blade in Washington D.C. by Howard Hyman (W9BVD), and The Front Page in the Carolinas by Leroy Lawhorn (W4VIW). Jim Kelly (KK3K) has started an ad in The Advocate to run for a whole year. Our thanks to them for voluntarily bearing the expense of these ads and helping to increase our membership! Experiences so far indicate that local ads are far more effective in recruiting new members than the national ads, so now's your opportunity to give just a little. Place an ad in your nearest gay newspaper and you just might make a new friend, too. We suggest the following copy:

AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS "HAMS". Join us on Lambda Net.
Members nationwide & Canada, SSB & CW. Write Amateur
Radio Group Info., POB 24810, Phila., PA 19130

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| Send correspondence, new membership, suggestions, and comments about the net as whole ... | AMATEUR RADIO GROUP INFO.
P.O. Box 24810
Philadelphia, PA 19130 |
| Send your idea, story suggestion, or question of general interest to the LAMBDA NET NEWS ... | LAMBDA NET NEWS
c/o Don Bledsoe
341 Winslow Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90814 |

LAMBDA NET REPRESENTED AT DAYTON HAMVENTION



Attending Dayton Hamvention in April 1985 are (l. to r.): Irv (AF2K), Jim (KK3K), Dale (WA0CFQ), and Howard (W9BVD).



Irv's (AF2K) flexible accommodations were frequented by the delegation: Jim (KK3K), Dale (WA0CFQ), Howard (W9BVD), and Irv.

ARRL NATIONAL CONVENTION

The ARRL National Convention will be held in Louisville, KY this year October 4-6. Dale Clark (WA0CFQ) is planning to attend, why not join him?

DONATIONS WELCOME!!!

We would all like to express our thanks to those who have been able to assist in the expenses of the Lambda Net and its activities, which include placing ads, renting a post office box, answering letters and inquiries, buying postage, and publishing the LAMBDA NET NEWS. Your contribution is so valuable because we are a small group. You can help! Send your contribution today to Jim Kelly (KK3K), c/o Amateur Radio Group, POB 14810, Phila., PA 19130. Thank you!

AF2K PUTS OUT BIG SIGNAL!

Pictured below is the partial QTH of Irv Goodman, AF2K, of Webster, New York (a suburb of Rochester). Irv's antenna system was installed in September 1984 and includes a KLM KT-34 Tri-Bander atop a 52 foot Hy-Gain crankup tower. No wonder the West Coast can hear him ... even on a bad day!



LOTS OF NEWS!

There was so much news that I ran out of space this issue. The September issue is already under way. Keep up the good work!

LAMBDA NET NEWSLETTER

SPRING 1985

By Jim, KK3K

May 22, 1985

Hello everyone! (And I do mean everyone, the club has really grown as a result of our membership drive this past winter, we now have over forty on the mailing list and more new members are responding each week!) Lots of items to report so here goes!

NET BUSINESS

1. Net skeds are as follows:

NATIONAL SKEDS:

SSB on Sundays at 1900 Zulu on 14.325.

SSB on Sundays at 0100 Zulu on 14.325.

EASTERN STATES SKEDS:

SSB on Thursdays at 5:30 PM Eastern TIME year-round on 3.780, alternate freq. 7.210.

CW on Sundays at 11:00 AM Eastern Time year-round, freq. is 7.099.

RTTY on Thursdays at 8:00 PM Eastern Time year-round, freq. is 3.630.

All freq. + or - QRM.

Note the addition of a Sunday evening national sked on 20 meters. This was requested by some members and it may prove useful during these years of poor propagation. Also, an alternate time during the evening may work out for members who are busy during the day. This is a trial, let's see how it works out. Note the RTTY sked, W9BVD, WA1VEC and KK3K are the regulars, crank up your computers and join in with the hunt and peck "green keys" set!

Note that the skeds are split up into National and Eastern divisions. What the club needs is for the Central States, Southern & West Coast members to set up local skeds similar to those we have on the East Coast on 40 and 75-80. I have asked Don, WB6LYI, in Long Beach, Ca. if he would try to get things going along these lines. We have enough members now to do this, and the East Coast nets are a lot of fun and good for maintaining and developing friendships.

It is really encouraging that we are meeting on the air just about every time in spite of QRM and propagation problems, we now have lots of new members, we just need to get as many as possible on the air!

2. Membership has begun to take off! I have contacted at least a half dozen new members through my ad in the Phila. Gay News, Howard, W9BVD has begun to get responses to his ad in The Blade, the Wash. D.C. Gay paper, and Leroy W4VIW has started running an ad in The Front Page, a paper for Gays and Lesbians in the Carolinas. I have placed a two line ad in The Advocate starting in June which will run for a solid year! But, we need more local ads, so I would encourage you to run an ad in your local gay paper, remember the club has a P.O. Box which you can use and here is Leroy's ad as an example:

"AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS "HAMS" JOIN US ON LAMBDA NET. MEMBERS NATIONWIDE AND CANADA, SSB & CW. WRITE AMATEUR RADIO GROUP INFO, POB 24810, PHILA. PA. 19130"

The Flyer mailed out to past respondees during January and February was also very successful. Let's keep the ball rolling!

3. Don Bledsoe, WB6LYI, has volunteered his services to compile, write, edit and publish future newsletters, and rosters, while I will continue to work on membership, ads, correspondence, and responses to ads. Don is a computer professional, and his expert help is much appreciated. He has some fine ideas for the group regarding a general interest questionnaire, traffic handling and public service activities. Don has listed our group with "The Source", a Computer/Telephone Gay network, and we have begun to get responses. The responses this year to our membership efforts has really kept me busy, so I am really glad that Don will be helping with the paperwork!

4. I wish to thank those who sent or gave contributions to help with expenses: WA0CFQ, K5MWG, AF2K, VE3D00, W9BVD, K2BIG, WA3TDR, AA6GA, AA1Z, KA1MQX, N4VA, W0PWS and AI9Q. If I missed anyone, I apologize. Your contributions have enabled me to publish the newsletters for the past year, rent the PO box, and run the Advocate ads including the one which will run until May '86. Many, many thanks and I hope that you will continue to enjoy the club as it grows and thrives!

5. The membership roster, needless to say, has changed and continues to change as we get new members. Don, WB6LYI, plans to edit the roster and make a new mailing later this year. If you would like an update before then, please let me know.

6. Net activity may be a little sporadic during the summer as the beach, the boat, the lake, vacations, etc. will occupy the membership however, we have enough members to enable us to meet each week, so if you are home please check the net sked. Remember, we will be hearing from our new members, let's welcome them aboard!

7. Daton Hamfest 1986! That's right, 1986! We had a great time again this year, W9BVD, AF2K, KK3K, WA0CFQ, AI9Q met and enjoyed the festivities. Plan now to attend next year, it is really a lot of fun! The dates for the 1986 Hamvention are: April 25, 26 & 27, 1986. We reserve very nice but reasonable

hotel rooms at the Days Inn, eat at great restaurants, go to great Gay clubs, and really enjoy ourselves, try it, you will be glad you did!

DAYTON 1985

This year, the big suprise was meeting Wayne, AISQ purely by chance, at the Hamfest. I have been wearing a shirt with a LAMBDA on it for the past three years, hoping that any other GAY hams in attendance might recognize it. On Sunday, after lunch, Dale, Howard, Irv and I went outside to get a group photo. I said to our group "The next hunk that walks by I will ask him to take our picture". So, this nice looking fellow, a blond, walks by and I approached him and asked him to take our pix. He agrees, so we lined up for the shot. He says to me as he focuses, "That's a LAMBDA you're wearing, isn't it?" I said "Yes", wondering what do I say next? He says, "I know what that means". So after the picture taking, we talk with Wayne and discover he is indeed GAY and we have met a new member of the group! Wayne says he has been coming to the Dayton 'fest for years and was really glad to meet up with our group. The 'ole LAMBDA on the shirt finally paid off!

The WX this year was really pretty nice, lots of flea market activity and lots of nice looking bare chested men to look at if you were not in the market for fleas. On Friday night, we went to three parties hosted by a DX group, and local FM clubs. Saturday night we went to the banquet which was interesting, especially the Keynote address by Jean Shepherd, K2ORS who was very humorous. After the banquet, we went down to the 1470 WEST, a huge Gay Disco/Club complex which we enjoy each year. A young attractive crowd, lots of dancing, big videos, Dale and I did the dance floor for the third consecutive year.

This year Howard went crazy and bought a new Icom IC751, I tried to restrain him but he got such a good deal, saving \$100.00, I couldn't stop him from buying the rig! Dale bought a Butternut vertical for 40 and 75-80, I bought a crystal filter and a two meter antenna.

I also was able to talk with the Management of AEA and they agreed to update the software on my computer interface, one of the neat things about Dayton is that you can see all the latest equiptment as well as ask all the questions of the folks who should know, the top brass of the various companies.

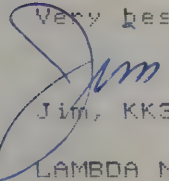
There is so, so much to do at Dayton that you could never cover the whole thing. This year we attended two forums(you attend forums when you get exhausted from looking at equiptment and cruising the HARA ARENA). The forum with Wayne Green was very interesting, he will not be writing for 73 MAG. any more, he is sort of burnt out so he sold it(nobody would listen to him anyway). Howard and I also enjoyed the RTTY forum, we have a lot of fun with our Commodore 64's, but the pro's really mean business! The big new equiptment suprise was that the new little Icom rig, IC735, with general coverage receiver, Keyer, FM, etc. was not available for sale! There were display models, but none to be had. We had figured they would be available at the Hamfest, Icom must be behind in production.

Everyone enjoyed themselves, Irv even brought his new pop-up camper and stayed at the KOA campground. Irv, were you camping it up at the campground?

Next year, though, we must get more of our members to attend the Dayton Hamfest. I went on record that if we didn't get at least four more Gay Hams to attend, I'd eat my hat! I don't want to have to do that, so help me out guys, please! Plan now to attend Dayton 86!

Enjoy and have a safe and healthy summer, please have "SAFE SEX" only, and check in to the nets, also keep in touch!

Very best 73's,


Jim, KK3K

LAMBDA NET

PS: 1) NET ROSTER BY CALLSIGN AS OF 5/23/85:

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| WAGFXL | KA2UBF | KIDUG | AI20 | WB2FEJ |
| WA0CFQ | W4VIW | AA1Z | N4VA | WB30YA |
| N7AD | WAGGVY | W9AUM | K6VE | K4UW |
| K5MWB | W3TDR | W2KIP | KA9FRX | |
| AF2K | WB5JAR | W4LXZ | WB6LYI | |
| KK3K | WB2PRC | WB8ROE | K9TWE | |
| K2B1G | K9AT | WA1VEC | WA3OKD | |
| VE3D00 | AA6GA | K9PV8/5 | KA2EGO | |
| W9BUD | WAGNZZ | KA1MQX | W0PWS | |
| KD2HE | WAGKLA | WB5MEI | AI9Q | |

2) NEXT NEWSLETTER: CONTRIBUTIONS OF ARTICLES, ITEMS OF INTEREST, FOR THE NEWSLETTER ARE WELCOME - SEND THEM TO ME AT THE CLUB R.O.B.

3) ANYONE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING ARRL NATIONAL CONVENTION OCT 4-6, 1985 IN LOUISVILLE, KY. - CONTACT DAVE, WA0CFQ - IS PLANNING TO ATTEND. LOCAL HAMFEST PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS TO MEET - WHY NOT ORGANIZE A MEET AT YOUR NEXT LOCAL HAMFEST?

LAMBDA (29185) HAM RADIO NET NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 1985

BY KK3K

Greetings to the members of the group! Hope everyone had an enjoyable Holiday Season and best wishes to all for a great new year.

Items of interest to the net:

1. The LAMBDA is the internationally recognized symbol for Gay Pride and Awareness. The LAMBDA is also a symbol for an electrical wavelength as all who have passed the novice exam know. Since we will probably not be using ten meters for a few years, 29185 is a misnomer. Therefore I would like to suggest the use of the LAMBDA for the name of our group. Your comments are welcome!

2. I have secured a Post Office Box for use in connection with our group. All "Advocate" ads will show this address and any ads run by members in other publications for the group can use this address as well. Here is the address:

LAMBDA NET
P. O. Box 24810
Philadelphia, Pa. 19130

Members are encouraged to run ads locally, however, if you use the Above address please use the following wording:

"AMATEUR RADIO GROUP INFO
PO BOX 24810 Phila Pa 19130"

This is the wording which I will use in future "Advocate" ads.

3. It was with great sadness that we learned that our friend KB9RR, Roland had become a silent key in October 1984. All who met and knew Roland knew him to be a real gentleman and a fine human being, and we will miss him very much. I sent a note of condolences to his family on behalf of all of his friends in the group. We have lost a good friend.

4. Net skeds are as follows:

SSB on Sundays at 1900 Zulu on 21.435 if 15m is open, if not, then 20m @ 14.325 +/- QRM

SSB on Thursdays at 2230 Zulu on 3.780 +/- QRM (W9BVD & KK3K weekly sked, all are welcome!)

CW on Sundays at 1600 Zulu on 7.099 +/- QRM

5. CW NET on forty meters is working out real well and is a lot of fun. Regulars include W9BVD, KK3K, VE3D00, and KD2HE. Propagation would seem to limit activities by region on this net but we can always look at 20 meters for CW if OPs from other areas express an interest.

6. Dayton Hamvention 1985, boy how time flys and soon we'll be on our way again to Dayton. The dates are April 26, 27 and 28, 1985. This year I would like to suggest that we attend the Banquet then go to the clubs afterward on Saturday. We haven't done the Banquet yet so let's try it this year. When you order your admission tickets in advance, don't forget to order banquet tix!

7. An updated Net Roster is included with this newsletter. This roster contains all the information listed on Wayne's roster dated August 1983, plus info from a list of callsigns given to Vic, KD2HE by AA6GA, plus all the corrections and updates of which I am aware. I have looked up all the addresses of the callsigns Vic gave me and those inactive and interested individuals on Wayne's 1983 roster and included them as well, per the 1985 Foreign and Domestic Callbooks. This newsletter will go only to the eleven active members of the net, however I will mail out a one page flyer to former members and interested parties who I could identify in the new callbooks. Please see the roster and the attached flyer for further info. NOTE: THE ROSTER IS ON COMPUTER DISK, PLEASE ADVISE ME OF ANY ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS OR UPDATES. Boy, was this a lot of work!

8. I am running a small two line ad in the Advocate during late January, February and March to try to capitalize on the Ham Radio "Season" and possibly get some new members. The ad was set before I got the P.O. Box. The next ad will use the above wording.

9. Even the small Advocate ad is expensive (\$33.75). Additional expenses include postage for the several mailings I have sent out during the past year, postage for this newsletter, postage for the flyers to inactive members, paper & envelopes, etc. I would like to acknowledge the very generous contribution just received from Bob, VE3D00 which is greatly appreciated. I have also received helpful contributions from Howard, W9BVD, and IRV, AF2K. I would also welcome contributions from the rest of the membership, any amount is welcome and will be acknowledged. I am excited about the prospect of doing some new member recruiting and optimistic that we will get some new blood into the group. Also, the flyer to the older members and interested folks may pay off for us.

10. With propagation condx generally poor on 20/15/10, members should investigate 80, 75 & 40 meters since propagation is unusually good on these bands at this point in the sunspot cycle. A few weeks ago I worked Hawaii on 75 meters on a WAS net. Winter evenings can be fun if you operate and check into some of the excellent Nets on 40 and especially 75 meters. In the general class portion of 40 & 75 meters, The Century Club WAS Net meets every night and is a lot of fun. On 75 meters, the freq is 3.903. For the Extra class ops, the Geritol Net on 3.767 Fri. & Sat. nights is also a lot

of fun. Geritol Net participants from our group include W9BVD, N7AD and KK3K. Of course, our own Net is still the best!

MEMBER NOTES

WA0CFQ: Dale spent the holidays on the West Coast, visiting family, says he had a good time but returned to Wellsville broke due to the expensive car rental fees in Cal. He'll have to save now for his plane tix to Dayton! Santa should have brought Dale a 75 meter antenna, maybe he can get one in Dayton.

N7AD: Ken checks into the Geritol Net on 75 meters and I worked him for my Montana contact. Received with my QSL a couple pix of Ken and his handsome room-mate Rick.

K5MWG: Al writes that he has feedline problems and little time to work on them since he has been doing a lot of business related traveling. Al has three boys, ages 8/10/12 of which he is very proud and spends time with them when his business permits. His oldest is 5'10" and wears an 11 1/2 shoe!

K2BIG: Joe has finally gotten his B & W window mount antenna to load up on 40 & 20 and hopefully we will be able to work him if propogation permits.

AF2K: Irv gets the award for Lambda Net Contest Op of the year! During the weekend of Nov. 17 & 18, 1984, Irv made 450 contacts, 70 sections for a score of 63,000, even though his Linear died and his Drake T-4XC malfunctioned. However, all is back in working order now, and Irv has a big signal with his new tower and antenna. Santa (Tim) brought Irv a new soldering iron for Chanukah, he'll be prepared for the next contest!

VE3D00: Bob gets the award for calendar selector of the century! Oh, to live in Toronto where Dear Abbey publishes pin up pix of beautiful boys in the Toronto Sun every day! It is a real pleasure to work Bob on CW on Sundays, he is an excellent operator. Bob plans to run a new ad for members in the Body Politic, the Canadian equivalent of The Advocate.

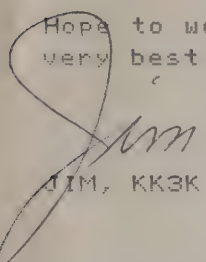
W9BVD: Howard abused his computer interface (what?) and it quit on him so he had to resort to his Keyer for CW on Sundays, horrors! (not for him, for us who were trying to copy him). He has also transferred to another department at work and the new assignment is working out well for him. The interface is fixed now and Howard is a regular on our CW net. Howard has also made the room reservations for our group at Dayton this year.

KD2HE & KA2VBF: Vic, KD2HE, is a real CW pro and a regular on the CW net when he is not off traveling to some exotic location operating a contest. Haven't heard Rich KA2VBF yet on CW and hope we can get him on the air soon.

KK3K: Changed rigs again. I was unhappy with the FT757GX so I went back to Ten Tec, the Corsair is a super rig. Also got my T.E.T. beam up (the neighbors are getting nervous). Spent a week in London in December, lots of fun. Enjoying the CW and SSB Lambda nets, and looking forward to Dayton '85!

This newsletter, updated roster and flyer mailings, along with the new ads, PO box, etc. were a lot of work, but they were also fun. Ham radio is a fun hobby and I hope that my efforts will pay off for all of the group in terms of continued survival and growth of our group.

Hope to work you soon,
very best 73's & 88's


JIM, KK3K

WAGFXL
VE3D00
W9BVD
K2BIG
KB9RR
K5MMG
WA0CFQ
KD2HE & KA2VBF

To Net Members from KK3K

November 18, 1984

In response to requests from VE3D00 & KD2HE for a East Coast & CW net for members, Bob, VE3D00 & I would like to suggest the following frequency and time for a CW meeting of our members and encourage all to join in Sunday mornings for a relaxed slow speed CW general net membership rag chew.

IMPORTANT !!!!!

THIS IS IN ADDITION TO OUR REGULAR SSB NET AND THE SSB SKED WILL REMAIN AS IT IS CURRENTLY!!!!!!

The idea is simply to have an alternative available for the active members who are currently located primarily in the East and Midwest. With generally poor condx on 20, 15 & 10, this new 40 meter net may work out for us, especially since Dale may be able to join in since 40 has generally longer skip condx now. The net will meet as follows:

Frequency: 7.099
Day : Sunday
Time : 1600 Zulu

This should give everyone enough time to attend services, recover from hangovers, or get rid of that trick who stayed past his welcome(or if he's hot, invite him to stay and give him a demonstration of your "fist", HI HI !)

Again, the speed of the CW will be only as fast as is comfortable for all, and it could be a lot of fun to brush up on that CW. Also, this provides an alternative for those who are busy Sun. afternoon, they can make the morning net. Please give it a try, it could be a lot of fun!

NEWS: Haven't heard from Roland since he moved, are you back on the air Roland?(KB9RR)

Joe (K2BIG) has an antenna on order and has his "S" line set up and ready to go. The B & W will work on 40 Joe, so set it up for 7099!

Vic & Rich (KD2HE & KA2VBF) are operating with Vic's new FT ONE. Will expect big things from the BIG APPLE on Sundays.

Dale (WA0CFQ) keeps busy as net control for our SSB nets at 1900 Z Sundays.

Howard, (W9BVD) has made room reservations for Dayton. He is setting up a RTTY station with his new C64.

Irv (AF2K) has quite a signal with his new tower, linear and KLM. Vic and I can both copy him off the side of his beam, wouldn't want to try to watch any TV in his neighborhood!

Al (K5MMG) hasn't been on the net recently, hope he can join us soon.

Bob (VE3DQO) had some back problems but is recovering and back to weight lifting now. He is a fine CW op willing to work novices at slow speed on 7.102 and would like a sked with Rich (KA2VBF). How about it Rich?

Wayne (WA6FXL) hasn't been heard on the net yet this fall. Hope he can get his quad fired up soon.

DAYTON HAMFEST 85

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Plan now to attend! We can make extra accommodations (right now we have two rooms reserved) so get in touch with Howard & I so we can reserve extra space at the hotel. Hope Vic, Rich, Joe, Al, Wayne & Bob will attend this fun event.

Happy Holidays to all es looking forward to wrkng u on CW SN!

VRY 73's

JIM, KK3K

QRZ QRZ QRZ

Net Members

Fall 1984 Newsletter
by KK3K

October 1, 1984

Hope everyone had an enjoyable summer! I started typing this newsletter at 18:00 Zulu on Sunday September 30th, and I was happy to be in net QSO with Dale, Bob, Howard and Irv ! So, in spite of generally terrible band conditions and poor propagation, it seems as though we will be able to resume net meetings with some degree of success although 10 and 15 meters may be unreliable until the sunspot cycle comes around in a few years. I hope we can get participation from as many net members as possible this fall and winter.

Net Business.

1. Please note new net meeting time and frequency changes effective immediately:

Freq. Time

21.435 19:00 Zulu

If 15 is a bust, then go to:

Freq. Time

14.325 19:00 Zulu

2. Dayton Hamvention 1985, Dates: April 26, 27, and 28, 1985. We have a great time in Dayton and if you haven't attended yet start making plans now to attend. Those of us who have done it look forward to returning.

3. Postage, etc. for this mailing donated by W9BVD.

4. I am planning to run a new ad for the net in The Advocate. I need to get a P. O. box, and put the ad together and submit it. The Advocate is expensive, so any contributions toward the cost would be appreciated and acknowledged. We need to do some missionary work from time to time, more and more people become hams all the time and a certain percentage of them would enjoy our net, so we should try to reach them.

5. Howard, W9BVD & I have a weekly sked on Thursdays after work on 75 meters as follows:

| Freq | Time |
|-------|------------------------------|
| 3.780 | 21:30 Zulu (until time chg.) |
| | 22:30 Zulu (Nov.on) |

All are welcome to join in!

Member news:

I have not heard from N7AD, K700, AA1Z, K1DUG, WD4FAO, KK6Q and K6VE in response to my last newsletter, so I have no way of knowing whether or not they are still interested in the net, but I cannot justify incurring the personal expense of mailing this info to them, so this will go to the active interested net members as listed below:

| | | | |
|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| W6FXL | W0CFQ | K5MWG | AF2K |
| KB9RR | KK3K | K2BIG | VE3D00 |
| W9BVD | KD2HE | KA2VBF | |

If anyone has an addition, or would like the newsletter to go to any of the inactive members, please run a copy and forward it as you see fit.

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KB9RR: Last info from Roland was that he was moving and would not be on the air until he could get his antenna back up. Hope he is now on the air and will be able to join us on Sunday for the net.

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W6FXL: Wayne advises that he now has a HF rig again and will be using a triband quad which is mounted with the bottom only a few feet off the ground causing loading problems on 20. He says he hopes to upgrade his station shortly so we should hear from the west coast this fall.

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K5MWG: Al is keeping busy doing a lot of traveling on the job. Al had a visitor during the summer when Dale went to New Orleans to visit the Worlds Fair. Sure hope his schedule will allow him to join us on the net.

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AF2K: Irv is in the process of putting up a new 52 ft. crank-up Hy-Gain tilt over tower on top of which he plans to mount a KLM KT-34A 4-el Tribander. He is also considering getting a new rig. We'll expect a big signal from upstate New York! Irv's boarder Tim moved out in July and Irv and Rustye miss him but it sounds like Tim is doing well, he received a scholarship

from the Foundation for Amateur Radio and will graduate with an A.A.S. next May. I hope Tim does not forget the help and support that Irv provided.

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VE3D00: Glad to hear that Bob was on the net today September 30th. Bob has a new mailing address as follows:

Bob Service
The Maildrop Box 163
55 Mc Caul Street
Toronto, Ontario
Canada
M5T 1W7

Hope to hear Bob often this fall!

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K2BIG: Joe seems to be doing well with his new job and the writer is grateful for the neat software programs Joe has sent for my Commodore. Joe lives in an apartment so it will be difficult for him to get on the air but he has investigated the B&W window mount antenna and maybe he will get on the air with it or a slinky dipole. I sure hope we can get him back on the air, how 'bout it Joe?

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WA0CFQ: Dale now has a telephone, the number is (913)-883-4090. As mentioned earlier, Dale traveled to New Orleans to visit the Worlds Fair and met Al. Dale also attended the ARRL convention in N.Y.C. in August and met myself and Rich (KA2VBF). Dale has done some job hunting on some of his out of town trips and Irv has sent him a blank resume form to work with so maybe Dale will be able to relocate with a job to a better area. With the net members spread out mostly along the coasts, Dale often ends up being net control, so good thing he is a net regular.

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KD2HE & KA2VBF: Vic & Rich, respectively, new members who should be on the net from their loft co-op in Greenwich Village as soon as Vic, KD2HE returns from spending the summer in Peru. Dale & I met Rich when we attended the ARRL convention in NYC, and Dale stayed with Rich while he was in New York. Vic & Rich mounted a Butternut Vertical on the roof of their converted factory building. Here's their info:

Richard Upton, KA2VBF
Victor Carnuccio, KD2HE
547 Broadway
New York, N.Y. 10012
phone:(212)-226-0643

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WSBVD: Howard enjoyed the summer sailing and he & Bob took a two week vacation to the midwest to visit Howard's parents in July. Dan & I visited Howard & Bob in August and spent a fun weekend sailing and enjoying the bars and museums in Washington. Howard recently got a Commodore 64 computer and He & I plan to link up on RTTY as soon as He gets an interface and I wire my Computer to the Yaesu. Howard & Bob plan to visit Dan & I the first weekend in November & we'll try to get on the air then from Philly.

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KK3K: Dan & I spent a week in Paris and a week in Rome & Naples in June and will probably go to London the week before Christmas. I got my DXCC (#25153) in May for 101 Countries and I am working for new ones all the time. I changed jobs and now work in computerized purchasing and sales for an automotive parts importer and distributor. New rig here is a complete Yaesu FT757GX station with Heavy Duty Power Supply, Auto Antenna Tuner, Bencher paddle & Desk Mic. and I'm enjoying it and plan to make the net as often as possible.

Well, thats it for now, hope everyone will try to make the net as often as possible. Please keep in touch and I'll try for the next newsletter around the first of the year.

Hope to see everyone at the Dayton Hamfest, try to make it, it's great fun as those who have attended the last two years know.

Very best 73's

Jim, KK3K

QRZ QRZ QRZ

Net Members

Dayton Hamfest Newsletter

By KK3K

May 1984

In attendance at this years Dayton Hamfest were AF2K, WA0CFQ, W9BVD, KK3K and KB9RR from our group and what a great time we had! But first, a few items of business for the net agreed upon by the members present at Dayton.

1. The net will meet on the air as follows until further notice;

21.425 +or-QRM @ 1800 Zulu

(if this fails, no propagation, etc., then go to the following:)

14.325 +or-QRM @ 1815 Zulu

2. Members had such a good time at this years Hamfest that we have already agreed to return next year. AF2K did a fine job of securing hotel reservations for our group and he has agreed to make reservations for our group for next year. The dates for the 1985 Dayton Hamvention are as follows: April 26,27 and 28, 1985. We all were disappointed that more members of our group did not make it to Dayton and we agreed to try to encourage more net members to attend. It is a super, super time, try it once and you will want to come back, see below for details of our weekend in Dayton.

3. I have agreed to try to keep everyone informed of net and member activities via mailings such as this from time to time. My next mailing will be in the fall, most likely. However, I need to know that you are interested in receiving this info so drop me a card or a note if I havn't seen or worked you this year. Let me know how you're doing, etc. and I'll include an update on the next mailing for the members. Last year I sent out photos of the group to a lot of people, some of you were very appreciative but a few didn't even acknowledge receipt of the photo. We are a very small select group of special people, we should be a little closer and more considerate, I think!

4. Postage for this mailing was donated by AF2K, thank you Irv. Any contributions toward mailing expenses would be appreciated and acknowledged.

Member activities update.

W9BVD and KK3K have a weekly sked on 7.210 at 2115 Zulu, join in!

KB9RR has had some health problems but seems back on his feet now. He will be moving to a new home QTH soon so his tower will have to come down and he may be off the air for a while until he gets the tower up at the new QTH.

WA0CFQ plans to attend the ARRL convention in New York City in July. If you would like to meet him there drop him a line and let him know. KK3K and W9BVD may possibly attend also. With the warmer spring wx Dale has been able to make weekend trips to civilized areas.

AF2K spent some time in sunny Florida during the winter. Things are going well for Irv's boarder and Irv is very encouraged.

W9BVD has started the sailing season early again this year and he will probably be found most any sunny weekend out on the bay. 2 meter mobile marine capability is planned.

KK3K spent a week in Mexico and a week in Key West in December. Plan to travel to Europe in June, Paris, Rome and Naples. Job shakey, but its summer and who cares!

WA6FXL sold his rig and is looking for employment possibly out of the bay area. He has access to a rig so we may hear him from time to time. He did some flying using ham radio for fire watch and enjoyed it a lot.

K5MWG doing a lot of traveling with his new job and may be visited by WA0CFQ and KK3K this year when they travel to the worlds fair. Hope to hear him on the air.

K2BIG has a new job and is doing real well at it, He works for a software house, still not on the air since he is in an apartment.

Member input needed:

Would you like to receive a net newsletter on a regular basis? How often?
Suggestions for finding new members, another ad in the Advocate?
Comments? Suggestions?

1984 Dayton Hamfest

This year the wx was so nice that we all got a little sun on our faces and arms as we walked around the immense outdoor flea market in back of the Hara Arena at Dayton. The flea market is probably the biggest attraction of the hamfest, it's great fun looking for that treasure that you hope is hidden in one of the thousands of piles of junk assembled at this flea market to end all flea markets. This year W9BVD was in the market for a cable TV converter to fool around with at home so he could "experiment" with some unavailable input, in true flea market fashion, he found what he wanted one day, thought it over, and went back the next day and bargained with the guy and finally bought it as the guy was packing up to leave at a reduced price, way to go, Howard! KK3K was looking for an external VFO for his Omni, last year there was a whole table full of them, this year none, guess I'll have to buy that super new Yaesu FT757GX which was the hottest new item at this years hamfest. WA0CFQ has fun at the flea market identifying every ancient peice of equiptment he sees, of course he keeps real busy doing this. W9BVD and KK3K keep busy identifying newer two legged mobiles with equiptment while AF2K goes off by himself to see how many other hams from Rochester are at the Hamvention! Just kidding guys. Anyway, the flea market this year was great, last year the rain put a damper on outdoor activities.

Getting to Dayton can be an adventure. WA0CFQ had to take a bus from Wellsville to KC, then fly to Cincinnati, then take a bus to Dayton. On the way home he tells me he had to stay overnight in KC so he has the toughest time getting to the hamfest. W9BVD and KK3K drive out together from DC, AF2K drives in from Rochester and KB9RR drives in from Wis.

We stay at the Days Inn North, a motel about 20 minutes from Hara Arena. W9BVD and KK3K like the Mexican restaurant across the highway although we didn't get to eat there this year. There is a Wendys, a Bob Evans and another restaurant located right at the Days Inn. This year we went out to dinner at a Steak House on Friday night which was all right with a fine salad bar. But on Saturday we went to a swell Italian restaurant near our favorite "bar" and most of us really enjoyed our meal there. Sri Dale!

The indoor exhibition halls at the Dayton Hamfest can barely be covered in a day. There is lots of activity, displays, demonstrations and sales reps to keep you busy and interested in both the full lines and the new products. Like kids in a candy factory, 30,000 of them at Dayton. Even if you go with no notion of buying anything the bug will bite you. New low band rigs, antennas, gadgets, you name it, its there.

In addition to the flea market and the indoor areas, there are a series of forums going on constantly on everything from DX to Computers. We have found that there is not enough time to cover the indoor and outdoor areas and attend the forums too, this is a big, big event and you do not repeat areas unless you want to(which you do).

On Saturday night we went back to the 1470 WEST club, an enormous Disco just south of Dayton in Kettering. They have made improvements since last year including the installation of several large video screens and a small lounge for cocktails and movies. This is really a fun club with a young crowd, mixed but mostly gay with a huge dance floor and lots of hot guys. WA0CFQ and KK3K enjoyed the dance floor again and we all enjoyed this fine club and will look forward to returning to it next year.

As you can see, there are plenty of things to do and plenty of fun to have at the Dayton Hamvention as well as meeting for an eyeball QSO with the other net members. Those of us who have attended two years in a row and will attend next year hope that more of our group will attend next year. Hope to see you there!

KK3K/C64

14.027.8 RTTY MO
P.O. Box 1000
Lucerne, CA 95458-1000
(707) 274-2111
August 13, 1983
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Dear Net,

I hope everyone likes my first effort at using an APPLE /// word processor?

Enclosed you will find:

1. An updated net roster, please advise me of any corrections. Now that I have access to a word processor I hope to send out an update every couple of months or so. Maybe I'll be asking for SASE's or help with the postage. Please note there is a spot for everyone's birth month and day (not year), please advise.
2. A list of interested persons, basically people whom I've only heard from once or twice. I'd like to encourage and all net members to drop these guys a friendly "hello".
3. A blank copy of the new get acquainted questionnaire. Maybe the easiest thing is for everyone to fill out and send me a copy of the new form. That way I'll get everyone's birth date info, plus current operating interests and equipment.
4. Net operating times/freqs on mailing labels to put anywhere that is convenient.

I'd like to thank Bob for running an on going ad in the Canadian equivalent to the **Advocate**, **The Body Politic**. We are getting a few replies. May I suggest that when net members run personal ads that they mention ham radio

POLICY.: When I get a written inquiry about the net and a callsign is included with reference to and ad or net member I'll send along net sked info right away. If I get an inquiry and no callsign I tell the writer a little about the net and ask for a callsign. As far as net members referring interested persons to me for action, I would prefer that you take care of it yourself and pass along the pertinent info to yours truly and I'll send them a questionnaire. **If you don't have a callsign from an inquiry then don't give out net sked info.** Maybe we'll avoid hassles this way, we've been lucky so far, besides that we've got a great bunch of guys! FYI (for your info) if you haven't filled out a questionnaire then you're not on my mailing list. It's the only formality, and it's so e-a-s-y.

I guess that's all,...for now.

73's

Wayne

Wayne Busby, WA6FXL

Membership nr: _____ Date of Membership: _____

Contributions: _____

GET ACQUAINTED QUESTIONNAIRE

(Use separate sheet or use back if needed)

Please return to: Wayne Busby, WA6FXL, P. O. Box 1000
Lucerne, CA 95458-1000

Name: _____ Callsign: _____

Nicknames: _____ Past Callsigns: _____

Street Address: _____

Mailing address: _____

Landline: _____

Operating interests & equipment: _____

Other interests in addition to ham radio: _____

Are you able to put up travelers (net members) overnight? _____

Explain living situation: _____

Other clubs, groups, organizations to which you belong: _____

Ham radio awards: _____

Type of work you do: _____

Public Service ideas: _____

Comments: _____

How did you hear about the net? _____

Please enclose a recent clear photo of yourself. Except when requested in writing the information on this questionnaire will be made available to other net members.

SIGNATURE _____ CALLSIGN _____ DATE _____

NET ROSTER--AUGUST 01, 1983

PLEASE ADVISE OF ANY CORRECTIONS TO WA6FXL

Questionnaire completed and heard on the air.

* Questionnaire completed, not heard on the air.

#Wayne Busby

WA6FXL

POB 1000, Lucerne, CA 95458-1000

(707) 274-2111

DATE OF MEMBERSHIP: 1/1/80, BIRTHDAY: March 22

INTERESTS: HF, 2m, VIC-20

#Dale Clark

WA0CFQ

POB 668, Wellsville, KS 66092

No phone

DATE OF MEMBERSHIP: 1/13/80, BIRTHDAY: unknown

INTERESTS: HF, 6m, 2m

#Ken Anderson

N7AD

POB 2926, Great Falls, MT 59403

(406) 761-6811

DATE OF MEMBERSHIP: 1/7/80, BIRTHDAY: unknown

INTERESTS: HF, 2m

#Lyle Henry

K700

911 North Ridgewood Place, Hollywood, CA 90038

(213) 466-3662

DATE OF MEMBERSHIP: 1/16/80, BIRTHDAY: February 14

INTERESTS: HF, 6m, 220

#Rich Filia

AA1Z

7847 #B Stamler Avenue, San Diego, CA 92111

Phone number unknown

DATE OF MEMBERSHIP: 2/11/80, BIRTHDAY: unknown

INTERESTS: HF

#Al Abrams

K5MWG

POB 15862, Baton Rouge, LA 70815

(504) 272-0174

DATE OF MEMBERSHIP: 11/31/81, BIRTHDAY: August 01

INTERESTS: HF, 2m, Apple II

#Irv Goodman

AF2K

515 Drumm Road, Webster, NY 14580

(716) 671-4430

DATE OF MEMBERSHIP: 11/18/80, BIRTHDAY: January 22

INTERESTS: HF, 6m, 2m, contest

1675 Pender St.
S.D. CAL 92111

B/Vc
4314 S. SHERWOOD FOREST
SUITE 175
BATON ROUGE, LA
70816

#Roland Lupient

(01 August 1983)

KB9RR

1953 Graham Lane, Mosinee, WI 54455

(715) 457-2502

DATE OF MEMBERSHIP: unknown, BIRTHDAY: August 14

INTERESTS: HF, Apple II

BART J. JANKE
KB9NM
149791 Hemlock
Lane,
WAUSAU WI
5440

#Jim Kelly

KK3K

7831 Venus Place, Philadelphia, PA 19153

(215) 365-4534

DATE OF MEMBERSHIP: 7/4/82, BIRTHDAY: January 09

INTERESTS: HF

#Joe Greenberg

K2BIG

29 Davenport Avenue, Apt. 5E, New Rochelle, NY 10605

(914) 235-0309

DATE OF MEMBERSHIP: 12/30/82, BIRTHDAY: unknown

INTERESTS: HF

#Bob Service

VE3D00

c/o Canadian Broadcasting Corp. (Mark letter "PERSONAL")

POB 500, Station "A", Toronto, Ontario M5W 1E5 CANADA

No Phone Calls

DATE OF MEMBERSHIP: unknown, BIRTHDAY: unknown

INTERESTS: HF~

NO LANDLINE OR MAIL
TO HOME ADDRESS

Bob Service
THE AMERICAN BUREAU
55 MCCALL ST
TORONTO ONT CAN
M5T 2W7 ✓

*Howard Wyman

W9BVD

309 Beverly Drive, Alexandria, VA 22305

(703) 683-5944

DATE OF MEMBERSHIP: 1/7/80, BIRTHDAY: unknown

INTERESTS: HF

7/3/82
W9BVD
1/7/80

*Michael Mosbacher

K1DUG

POB 727, Burlington, VT 05402

(802) 425-3517

DATE OF MEMBERSHIP: 2/2/81, BIRTHDAY: unknown

INTERESTS: HF (80m)

*Jerry Coombs

WD4FAD (WA3TDR)

POB 9464, Denver, CO 80209-9464

(303) 698-2225

DATE OF MEMBERSHIP: 4/1/80, BIRTHDAY: unknown

INTERESTS: HF

(01 August 1983)

*Bob Heroux

KK6Q

3524 1/2 Wilshire Terrace, San Diego, CA 92104

(714) 297-0641

DATE OF MEMBERSHIP: 6/30/82, BIRTHDAY: unknown

INTERESTS: HF

*Rick Ferns

K6VE

1228 North Sycamore, Hollywood, CA 90038

(213) 856-9000

DATE OF MEMBERSHIP: 7/28/82, BIRTHDAY: unknown

INTERESTS: HF, 2m, 220

Tim Grubb WBIAFC

105 SPITBROOK Rd. - 3 C

NASHUA N.H. 03060

RICH UPTON KA2VBF

VIC CNUUCCIO KD2HE

547 BROADWAY

NY, NY 10012

212-226-0643

(01 AUGUST 1983)

Expressed interest in the group. Please feel free to drop them a friendly note.

✓ 1. No callsign, Ron Norris, 1338 Brydges Street, London, Ontario N5W 2C4 CANADA (7/6/83 BP ad)

✓ 2. Unlicensed, Peter Monte, 532 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, MA 02141 (6/14/83 BP ad)

✓ 3. No callsign, David, POB 773, Guelph, Ontario, N1H 6L8 CANADA (6/17/83 BP ad)

✓ 4. VE3BHD, Brian Dixon, 650 Parliament Street, #1610, Toronto, Ontario M4L 3T0 CANADA (3/23/83)

✓ 5. K9AT, Bill Choisser, 395 Douglas Street, San Francisco, CA 94114 (7/28/82) Phone disconnected

✓ 6. WB9LOZ, Larry Kenney, 395 Douglas Street, San Francisco, CA 94114 (7/28/82) Phone disconnected

✓ 7. WA0KVD, Eric Nelson, 1110 North Dubuque #220B, Iowa City, IA 52240 (8/4/82) letter returned--unable to forward

✓ 8. W8KGO, Dennis Hinkle, 1734 Springsong Drive, San Jose, CA 95131 (11/23/82)

✓ 9. WA2NCO, Ray Catroppa, POB 3511, Schnectady, NY 12303 (11/23/82)

✓ 10. K4BNV, Denny Carroll, 1486 Carnot Drive, San Jose, CA 95126 (9/27/82)

✓ 11. WA2MPV, Mark E. Urbanowicz, 1250 E. 57th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234 (via K5MWG 11/5/82)

✓ 12. KA6NES, Kent Vandenberg, 15908 Eccles Street, Sepulveda, CA 91343 (6/11/82)

✓ 13. W4VIW, LeRoy D. Lawhorn, 213 McDonald Street, Greenville, SC 29609 (10/18/82)

✓ 14. No Callsign, Tom Davis, 20806 NE 67th, Redmond, WA 98052 (7/25/82)

✓ 15. W0PWS, Jim Ziese, 1275D Bear Mountain Drive, Boulder, CO 80303 (11/27/79)

✓ 16. VP5FF, Paul, POB 518, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33303 (8/22/82)

✓ 17. K0DQG, Dick Sullivan, POB 266, Des Moines, IA 50301 (4/20/80)

✓ 18. Unlicensed, John K. Johnson, POB 891, Cambridge, OH 43725 (7/26/82)

✓ 19. N6CCM, Jerry, 1446 Wildrose, Mountain View, CA 94043 (11/9/80)

✓ 20. No Callsign, David J. Moore, POB 13781, Sacramento, CA 95813 (3/14/80)

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21. No Callsign, Nicholas Strammiello, 1641 E. 5th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11230(4/23/80)
22. No Callsign, Joe Bresl, POB 144, Coventry, RI 02816 (5/24/80)
23. No Callsign, Brian P. O'Donnell, POB 12622, Philadelphia, PA 19129 (3/25/80)
24. No Callsign, Paul Riberal POB 41424, Chicago, IL 60641 (5/28/80)
25. KA9FRX, Roger Matice, 5445 North Sheridan Road, #2201, Chicago, IL 60640(4/4/80)
26. N6UJ, Wes Otto, 13707 Doty Street, Apt. 5, Hawthorne, CA 90250 (letter returned--unable to forward 1/9/80)
27. AA6GA, Don Richman, POB 384, Belmont, CA 94002 (2/1/79)
INDISCRETE ON THE AIR
28. WB5JAR, Kenneth Noll, 173 Delaware Circle, Jacksonville, AR 72076 (7/17/79)
29. No Callsign, Bill Beare, POB 867, Hicksville, NY 11802 (7/12/80)
30. WA6NZZ, Dan Duncan, 587 E. Punahou Street, Altadena, CA 91001 (6/22/82)
31. Unlicensed, Marvin L. McMahan, 42655 Road 409, Mendocino, CA 95460 (6/22/82)
32. Unlicensed, David Trussell, 625 Main Street, #1544, New York, NY 10044(8/27/82)
33. W40TE, Michael Wilson, 602B C. Hernandez Road, Duson, LA 70529 (10/21/81)
34. VE7EBR, Michael Bullough, no current address
35. KA7ABT, Corey, POB 161, Midvale, UT 84047 (1/13/79)
36. Unlicensed, Bob Lefferd, 1108 Dupwe, Jonesboro, AR 72401 (1/79)

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